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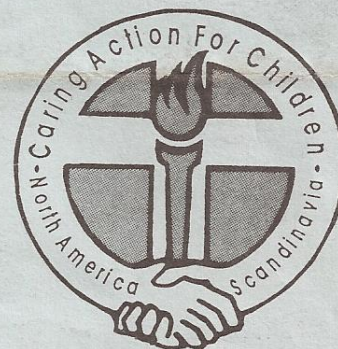
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GREETINGS
FROM THE
CHILDREN IN
MEXICO.



Dear Friends of Needy Children and Youth in Mexico:

We have received several reports from Mexico the last few weeks. Wish we could include them all but that would require a costly 30 page newsletter. I shall try to summarize what was written.

Our Mexican friends always start out their letters with a praise to the Lord. Dora Valdes, our coordinator in Mexico writes this to all who donate to the work: "We always remember you in our prayers and we ask God to fill you with his blessings so you can continue in the beautiful ministry to our children and young people in Mexico."

Right now, Mexican people are having a hard time adjusting to their economic situation. Prices for basic needs have increased dramatically while incomes have been limited by the new government. Our Directors at the homes are really feeling the pinch because we have not increased their allowance for food, utilities and school expenses.

The foods they eat most have increased as follows since last summer: Beans from 50 to 95 cents per kilo, Rice from 19 to 28 cents per kilo. Cooking oil from 67 cents to 90 cents per liter. Meat and milk is only bought for special days. When you compare this with the minimum wage of \$4 per day in Mexico, you can appreciate what we have in our countries.

I am recommending to our Board that starting in September we increase our donations for the homes and salaries to our Mexican workers 15%. I trust that you will consider an increase in your usual gift for our Mexican friends. With this extra amount we do not have to reduce the number of students we support. Thank you so much! . . . Tor

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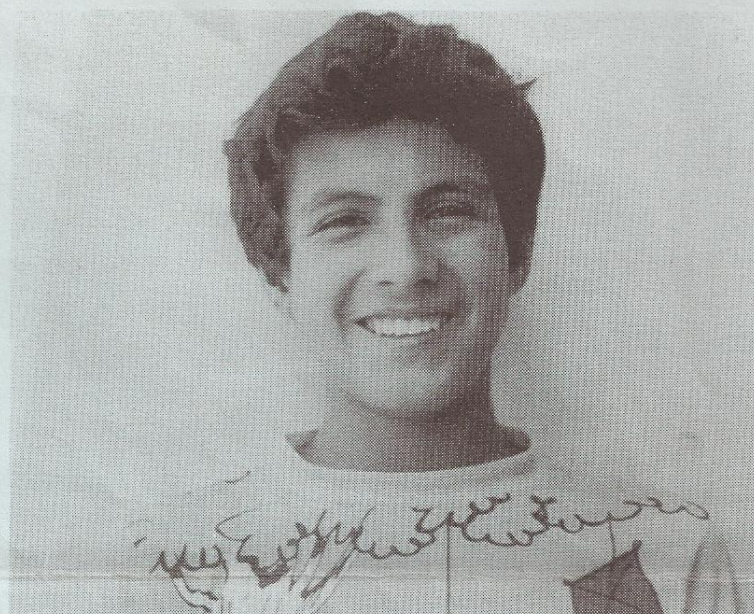
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As a non-profit, interdenomational organization, it is our goal to respond to the needs of the underprivileged children of the world. It is our belief that these needs must be met at all levels in a child's life - we must relate to the total being; 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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TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.



Do you remember this boy at La Familia? He visited many of you in USA, Norway and Sweden when he travelled with our former Director Trygve Jansen. - - - Yes, it is David Aguilar Martinez about 10 years ago. Now he is working with the international firm "Herbalife" in Mexico City. He telephoned his greetings to all of you with thanks for the opportunities he received.

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Sra. Celia Hernandez receives recognition from all of us for so many years of service to the children of "Mama Paulita"



It is very difficult to keep cool at "Mama Paulita" where the summer temperature reaches over 100 degrees. The watering basin, which is filled by the wind mill, is always a temptation. (left photo)



MAMA PAULITA CHILDRENS HOME, EL LIMON, TAMALIPAS

Sra. Celia Hernandez wrote us that she un-retired again to be the Director of the home. Her niece, Mina, who had that job, served for 18 months. She had to resign due to pneumonia and asthma condition and moved to the dryer climate of Monterrey. Thank you Mina for your service! Celia writes, "Today I am 82 years old and still able to work. I will continue as long as the Lord wants me to do it. We are still looking and praying for the right person to come here!".

She says she only has 35 children now. Three full time and three part time workers help her run the home. The trade school, associated with the home, has a new Director. Teachers for carpentry, welding, sewing, and secretarial are in place. They are still looking for teachers for First Aid and English.

Dr. Rodriguez and his wife continue to organize spiritual growth experiences for the children. Three of the older boys transferred to the Cinco Banderas Youth Home.

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LA FAMILIA CHILDRENS HOME, SERDAN, PUEBLA

Lourdes Garcia, the Director, writes she is struggling to stretch the budget for the home to take care of the needs of the 27 children there now. She writes about help from individual persons and some relatives of the children visiting. She still does not have much support from local organizations or churches.

We have communicated with the Methodist Bishop of the area and he has promised to seek aid from near-by churches to help operate the home and give Lourdes spiritual and administrative support. Please pray that local Mexican people can see this as their task for Christ!

The children attend 7-8 different schools in Serdan. Lourdes is always running from school to school to talk over problems. Every Fall, all children are required to buy new school uniforms. If we do not have the money for uniforms, books, supplies and extra teacher's fees, they cannot take advantage of the "free" public schools. We need to help.

This summer most of the children will attend a week of camp. Perhaps Lourdes can get some rest then! She only has one full time cook and two part time helpers with 27 children. Two of the older boys will transfer to the Cinco Banderas youth home in the Fall. Younger homeless children are waiting to take their place in the home.

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LA FE CHILDRENS HOME, TORREON, COAHUILA

This home continues to receive much local support. Dora Valdes, our coordinator in Mexico, visited and writes, "Mario and his wife, the directors, continue to work with great enthusiasm. This is the reason, with God's help, he receives so much cooperation from different local service clubs, a group of Catholic ladies, churches and individuals. Past help consisted of groceries, metal bunk beds, and plumbing repairs. They also received two Volkswagen Micro-buses for transportation."

We feel good that we could help start this program last year. If Mexican people can take over the mission 100%, our task is done! Praise the Lord!



The children at La Familia earn some spending money by shelling beans for a local merchant.

CINCO BANDERAS YOUTH HOME, MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON

The first year of operation has been a success! We have now reached our maximum capacity of 14 young men. One room, originally designated for a study, was changed to sleeping quarters. The outside balcony will be the study.

Plans have been received to expand the home for 6-8 young women. the cost is estimated at \$15,000 for a second floor dormitory, bath, laundry and study. We are looking for friends to help with the finances and others who can help cut the cost by volunteering their labor in work groups. Can you help?

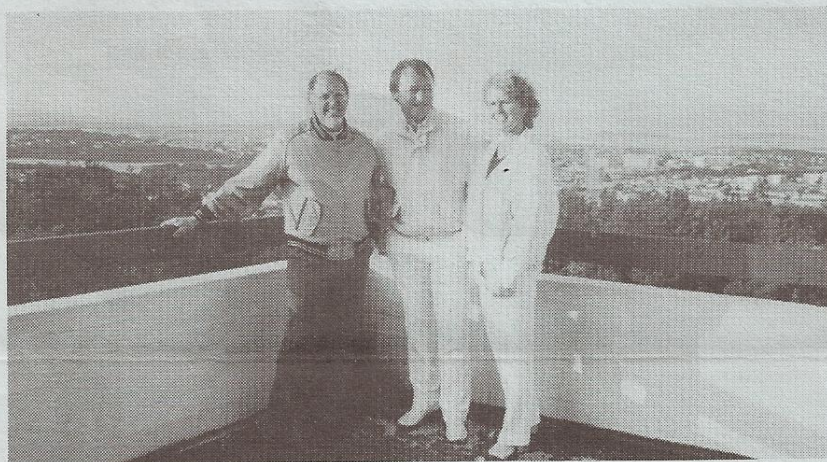
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STUDENT PROGRAMS, MONTERREY and TORREON

We received special thank-you letters from our graduates. Also we were so proud to receive copies of honor recognition for three of our university students: Elena Gonzalez, President of Mexico Award for Law and Social Studies, Ignacio Ramo for 3rd ranking in Architecture and Agustin Jaime for 98.8 grade average in Law and Social Studies. Your gifts were a big contribution to their and all the other 85 students' success!

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GOSPEL OUTREACH CLUBS, MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON

Martha Flores, one of the leaders, writes, "For Childrens Day, 30April, Graciella rented two buses to take the children from the poor areas to the Castillo Church located in the country. This church is a converted rich mans castle and had big gardens, swimming pool, big open green spaces and a big kitchen. There the children played, had a good meal and cakes, candy and soft drinks. To complete the day, they received little gifts and had a Bible study with the Pastor." Your money made the transportation possible!

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A SPECIAL THANKS TO NORWAY



The above left picture shows Tor with Arne and Turid Askevold in Stavanger. Arne translates this letter from English and Turid is our Treasurer in Norway. Also pictured to the above right are Harald and Ingfrid Jansen who send out all those newsletters to Norway and Sweden.

Thanks for this volunteer labor of love for our Mexican friends. Thanks also to you in Norway who have supported and prayed for us for so many years!

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