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Dear Friends of Children in Mexico,

I am sitting here at the Mama Paulita Home for Children writing this newsletter. The temperature is about 95 degrees F. and the mosquitos are biting. It just does not feel like Christmas will be here soon. Holger and Ingrid Hansson, our coordinators in Sweden, and a friend Mike are with me on this trip. We just finished supper with 53 children. The beans, rice, tortillas and a little chicken tasted good. We had treated the children to soda and candy which they don't get too often. They are all smiling with happiness.

The children are all around us. They want to hold hands, the little ones compete for a lap to sit on and the big boys and girls want us to play soccer or volleyball with them. The house father had just told the children that we represented the thousand donors that help pay for the food, housing, the helpers, and the schools. The "muchas gracias" (many thanks) are expressed in many different ways by the children, especially for you that live so far away but love so much.

But Christmas is coming. Now it is time to rehearse the Christmas Play. The man who looks after the boys has written a play so that all 53 children and youth will have a part. We do not understand the words, but the meaning is clear. They told us that the play will be performed at several places to tell the story of Christ's birth and to obtain extra donations.

Lise from Norway is also here. She came in September to spend eight months at the home. The children just love her and she tries her best to give all of them a little attention. We had brought a big box with crayons, paper, felt tip pens, glue, etc. so she can work with the children making things. We also had good used sneakers to be distributed. The box was from a Vacation Bible School in Hatboro, PA.

The climate may be hot here, but the true Spirit of Christmas is the same as in Norway, Sweden, and USA. The staff of Caring Action of Caring Action for Children send you thanks for your support and wish you a wonderful holiday.

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As a nonprofit, 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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CINCO BANDERAS STUDENT HOME FOR BOYS, MONTERREY, NL

Most of the boys in the home last year graduated. They now have jobs and are on their own. They express their thanks to you through letters we have received. Several of them live together in a rented apartment which the Patronato or mentors helped them obtain. There are 10 new boys in the home at this time. They do much of their own cooking as last years houseparents left to pastor a church. The Patronato is looking for new houseparents and are daily visiting the home. This November, a Pennsylvania group installed a solar water heater on the roof of the home. This will save on heating bills. Thanks so much for this volunteer mission!

MANO STUDENT HOME FOR GIRLS, MONTERREY, NL

The 9 girls are still crowded in one bedroom with one bath. It is fortunate they all do not have to go to school at the same time. Their dream is to get a bigger house. The free land promised for a building does not look good at this time due to the changing political climate in Mexico. Please keep the housemother, Cordelia, and the girls in your prayers.

LA FAMILIA HOME FOR CHILDREN, SERDAN

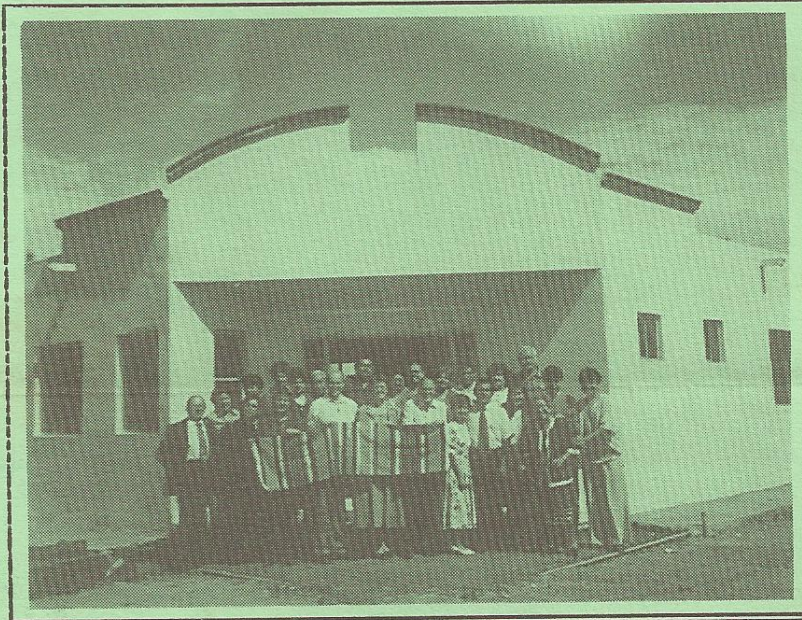
The 17 children at the home made many new friends this year. Four groups of Americans from Virginia, Kansas, Montana, and Pennsylvania came to help fix up the home after 15 years of operation. New water heaters, electrical fixtures, furniture, paint, new tiles and plumbing in the boys' bathroom make the home much easier to live in. Many thanks! Next we need groups to do the girls bathroom and clean up the property. The Methodist Bishop, responsible for the home, hopes to build a church next to the home in the future.



Many of the children at La Familia enjoy a dress-up party / Some are making Christmas greetings with Olga.

SHELTER FOR YOUNG MOTHERS AND BABIES, MONTERREY, NL.

The Shelter is almost ready to receive the first clients. Only a few bath fixtures, kitchen appliances and operating permits from the city are lacking. The money for these items will be raised by the Mexican volunteers. Caring Action will help with operating funds in 1996. During our last visit, our Swedish representatives pledged an extra \$5,000 to get this mission started.

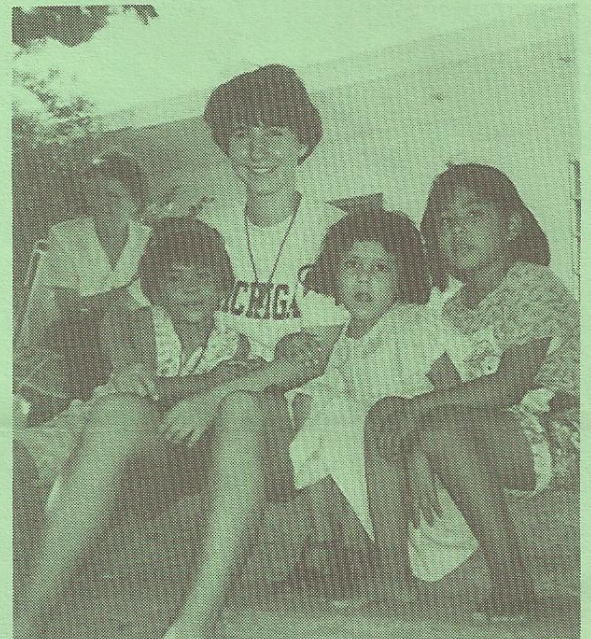
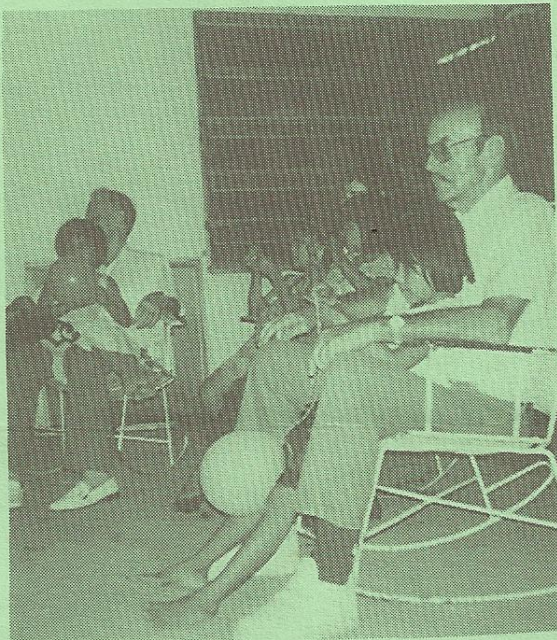


The picture to the left shows the entrance to the shelter. Holger and Ingrid Hansson from Sweden are standing in front / center with Tor and all the Mexican volunteers. They are ready to start their mission to teenage mothers.

In the picture directly below we see Lise Mathisen from Norway who is helping at Mama Paulita. The boys and girls of the home are so happy to have her.

In the picture below on the left, the children of Mama Paulita have found the laps of Mike, Ingrid, and Holger.

Eleuterio,
Guillermo
Augusto



Pedro	RuNO-ent	Manuel	David	Luse	LISE
Martin	Jose	Julio	Lope	TERE	Juana
			Erica		Sara

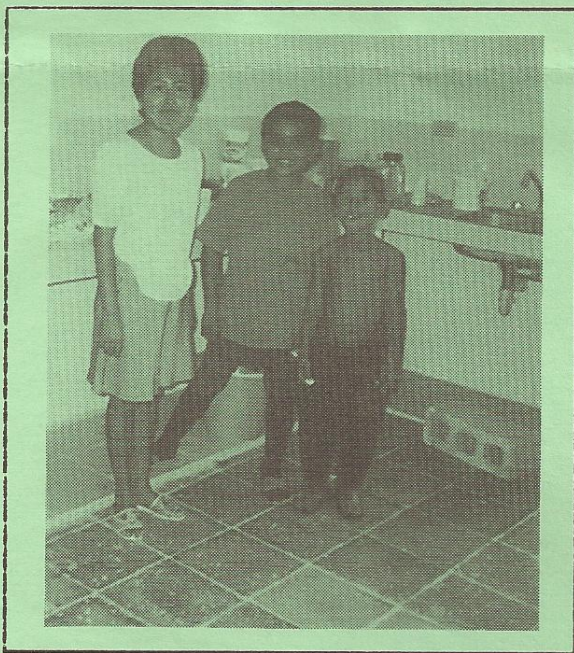
Surrounding this newsletter are some of the signatures of the children who you help. They send a big thank you for everything you have done for them this past year and wish you a Wonderful 1996!

Chayo	Datti	Torje
Julisa	Jose Luis	Martha

ESPERANZA HOME FOR CHILDREN, BONFIL, Q. ROO

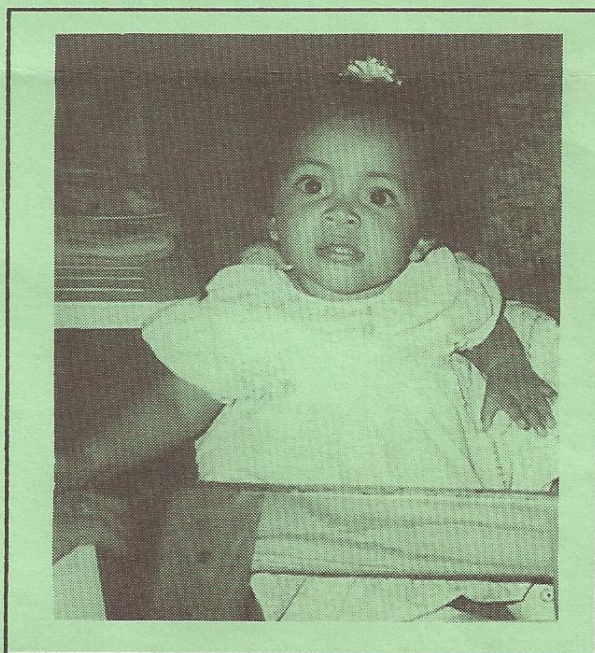
Tor and May, with the work team from PA, visited the home and met the new house-mother Miriam Bernice Caamal. She is a young Mayan teacher that felt she was called to take care of homeless children. She came as an answer to our prayers and now she has two young boys, Rosendo 6 and Felix 9 year old to care for. They were not accepted in the public school as they did not have proper documents so Miriam is therefore teaching them in the home.

The building is completed and looks beautiful. Team members from New Haven, IN and Hatboro PA Methodist Churches presented gifts to buy six more beds for the dorm. You now sponsor the two boys and a baby girl, Esther. More children will arrive when the home is known on the Yucatan Peninsula. The combined team from PA, IN, FL, NY, and Sweden also worked for one week to help our friend Luis Castillo build the "Unica Esperanza" (101) Church in Cancun.



Miriam, the house-mother, with Felix and Rosendo in the newly tiled kitchen of Casa Hogar Esperanza.

Baby Esther, right, is cared for by the Pastor's family in Cancun.



The volunteer work team from Scandinavia and USA was organized by Caring Action for Children. They enjoyed meeting the many Mexican children. They brought them presents and treats.



The team was a living example of God's love for this poor community.