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Dear Sponsors of Our Children in Mexico,

This time I would like to tell you about the boy on the above picture. His full name is Jose Carlos Escobedo Vazquez. Everybody just called him Carlos because in Mexico there are many Jose's. He is not at the La Familia Home anymore as a relative picked him up and I really miss him. He was the type of boy who gave me his pillow when I laid down in the dorm. He would be the first to share his Bible or hymnbook with me at worship and always volunteered to be my friend when I visited. He had been my steady walking companion about the village of Serdan since he first came in 1987. He would proudly show me his school, the market, the park and the many stores.

I wonder where he is and what he is doing now? I remember one time when he and two other boys made me feel like I was a young boy in Norway again as we walked and kicked a round stone in front of us for many miles. I still have that stone. At the end of our walk we usually shared some ice cream or soda before returning to the home. Carlos showed me that you did not have to know the language to be a friend. No matter where he is and what he is doing, I am sure that the love he experienced at La Familia is shared with those around him in Mexico. Your donations and prayers have shaped the future for Carlos and the other children in our care.

Carlos arrived at the La Familia Home with his brother Cesar in 1987. One day his mother Maria de Jesus Vazquez, arrived at the home with the boys and a baby sister. She was desperate and had asked if the boys could stay for a few days. Our report says that the father had gone to work one day and never returned. When the mother went to the workplace, they said they did not know anything about her husband. When she went to his parents, they too could not give any information and refused help with her children. Her own parents were too poor and old to keep the children while she tried to find work and a place to live.



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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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*Carlos is standing with his brother Cesar in their school uniform.*

This story is typical of so many of our children. The few days turned into seven years with every little contact with the mother. Carlos was a very good student and always helped the housemother with extra chores. With your help, Carlos and Cesar finished secondary school. Do you see how proud they are on last year's picture in their school uniform? It was not long after graduation before a relative came and picked them up because now they were employable and could bring in money. In Mexico children's rights are not protected by law and any distant relative can claim a child at the home anytime. I am sure Carlos would have liked to continue his education and live at the Cinco Banderas Student Home.

We were very fortunate to give Carlos a good start in life. The values he learned and the attitude of service can never be taken from him. I am sure, no matter where he is now, he is spreading the love and respect for God which he learned as a result of your sponsorship for the La Familia Home. Thanks to your investment in him, Mexico will have a better future. Remember the words of our Lord, "Whatever you have done for the least of my people, you have done for Me!"

When I visit, words of gratitude are expressed by all your children and youth in Mama Paulita, La Familia, Esperanza Children's Homes and Cinco Banderas, Mano Youth Homes. The rest of this summer letter will be pictures from your mission work in Mexico. You are making a "difference" in many peoples lives!

Thanks again for your donations which make our mission work possible. Have a nice summer!

Tor



*A young mother and her children are waiting outside a clinic with her sick boy. Sometimes it takes all day to see a doctor.*

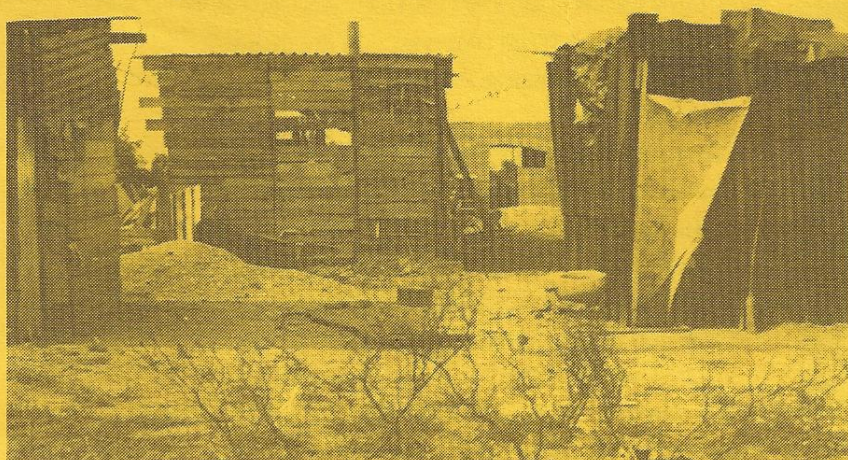




Thanks to your help, we sponsor eight seminary students with money for travel to visit isolated communities on weekends.

The students teach children of our God in places where there are no churches.

One student gave us this picture from a distant community where the food is prepared as it was 100 years ago. The people and the children appreciate the message and music the seminarians bring.



Places like this are also visited. The houses are built on Government land on the outside of industrial cities. Here families live until someone can find a job, which is difficult in a land where unemployment is up to 50%. When they find a job, a few cement blocks are bought and a one room block house can be started.





THE TRADE SCHOOL AT MAMA PAULITA HOME teaches ladies of the village knitting, sewing, cooking and health care.

The men can learn carpentry and welding.

The school was build by donations from Scandinavia about 10 years ago.

LUIS AND ISELA CASTILLO, our coordinators in Cancun, show us their new daughter Miriam. Luisito is getting big.

Tor visited them in March and they send their greetings to you.



#### ARE YOU READY TO VISIT US AT OUR HOME?

Lise Mathisen from Norway will come soon and be with the 60 children at Mama Paulita for six months.

12 supporters from Pennsylvania will visit and work with the children at the La Familia Home in August. Six will come to the Cinco Banderas Home to install a solar water heater. In November other groups from Indiana and Pennsylvania will visit the Esperanza home, which was recently finished. If you have a supporting group interested in visiting our Mexico Projects, please write to:

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