

## Caring **Action** for Children, Inc.



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31 years in Mexico



### DEAR FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN IN MEXICO:

**After reaching many of the goals you strived for, do you just sit back, relax and admire all your accomplishments?** I think we all know the answer. Our relationship with The Creator improves with serving His people. Remember the intent Jesus expressed: "What you have done for the neglected, you have done for Me!" We can't relax and admire the past!

We reached the goals of three homes for children, two homes for youth and one home for babies and unwed mothers. It would be so easy to relax our effort and only send enough money to keep our present mission projects going.

**I believe God wants us to set new Goals!** He does not want us to relax in our faith and die. He wants us to keep on serving His creation. He wants us to use all the gifts and advantages he has given us. For the Caring Action staff, it means finding and organizing new mission projects. For you at home it may mean being with us in the Spirit while supporting us with prayers and funds. The girl on the above picture is His but does not have the advantages of our children. Let us serve by reaching more children!

I am looking for new ideas. Perhaps you can help. If you have an inspiration, please write to us. Right now, I am exploring the possibility to serve children in the states of Chiapas and Oaxaca, near the country of Guatemala. There, isolated people, sometimes undereducated, feel they are not treated fairly by the government of Mexico. Here is one idea for contemplation: Perhaps we could start a Center where the educational level of children can be boosted with use of outdated computers discarded by our industries. Do you have any connections we can use? Are there reading and math programs available in Spanish? Many of these children speak only their original language and must start by learning Spanish.

Another idea is to help poor people in the village of Almaguer build a Christian Social Service Center. In such a center, educational, medical and mentoring help could be given to children and adults. The land for a building and Mexican volunteers are available. Only funds are lacking.

To encourage the Mexicans to raise more of their own income, we decrease the amount of donations every July to those projects. We are happy to report that they are finding funds. This then allows us to use some of your donations for new Goals. We thank you for your faithful response to our Newsletter. We publish it five times a year in English and Norwegian as our primary source for income. A contribution will start your subscription! Have a Spring with enjoyment of new life bursting out! Sincerely Tor, your director

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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 - 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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## CONTINUED REPORT ON VISITS to Mexico

by Tor & May Jansen

We told you about our visits to the Esperanza, La Familia, Mama Paulita and the Mano Homes in the last newsletter. This time we will finish with four more of our mission projects which you support through Caring Action for Children.

**THE SHELTER** for young mothers and babies in Monterrey.

Martha Rojas, the head nurse-coordinator for the Shelter and Clinic met us at the beautiful front entrance. She led us to the cheerful reception area where an arriving young woman would first be interviewed. From there she may go either through a door to the dining room or to examination rooms staffed by volunteer medical, dental or psychological professionals.

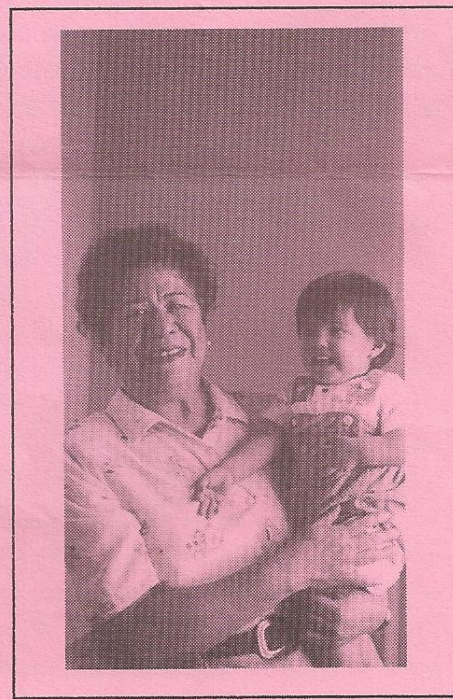
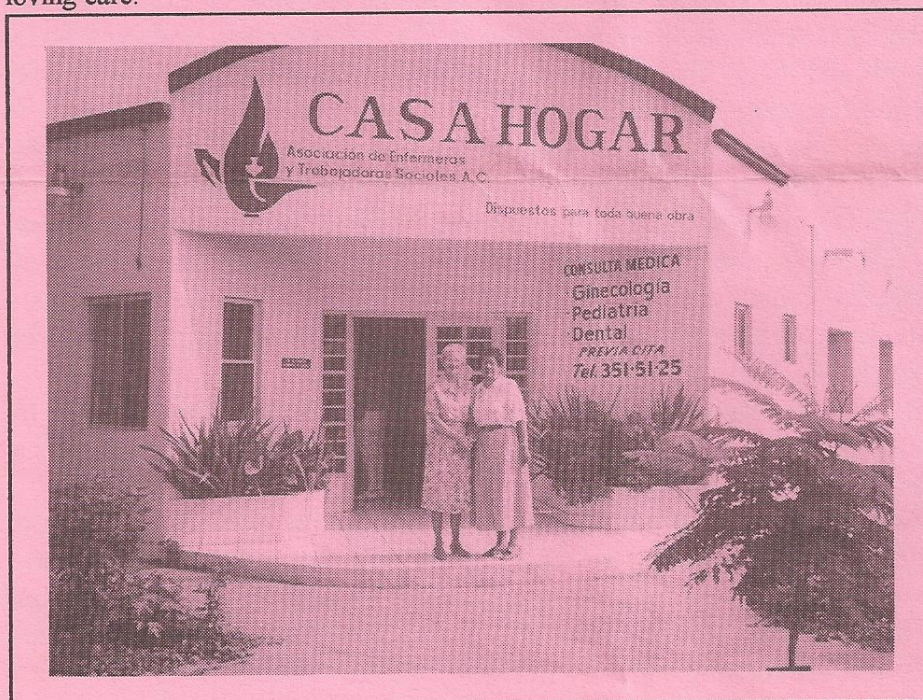
We were so proud that Caring Action had been able to help this Shelter get started. The building was so clean and inviting. Walls and ceilings were freshly painted in white and the floors shined with ceramic tiles. Used examination room equipment had been received from donors in Mexico. Volunteers had installed new kitchen cabinets and a few tables and chairs made the dining room-kitchen very functional. The adjacent laundry room even had a washing machine.

We were led into the roomy living quarters of the Shelter. Baths and showers sparkled. A few of the bedrooms were furnished. Here we met Catalina and her baby. She was so happy to receive care for her and the baby. Four other children under

five years old also lived there when we visited in November. Two paid ladies take turns to be 24 hour caregivers while volunteer staff come as needed. The clinic also serves people in the community.

The Association of Christian Nurses and Social Workers tries hard to let the public know of their mission. We expect an increase in Mexican donors and persons cared for as the reputation of caring love radiates. Caring Action for Children helped obtain a grant from Sweden to build the Shelter. Your donations of \$9000 per year help the mission reach out to desperate teen mothers and babies.

The picture shows May and Martha at the inviting entrance of the Shelter and Martha with one of the children left for loving care.





### **CINCO BANDERAS STUDENT HOME** for young men, Monterrey NL.

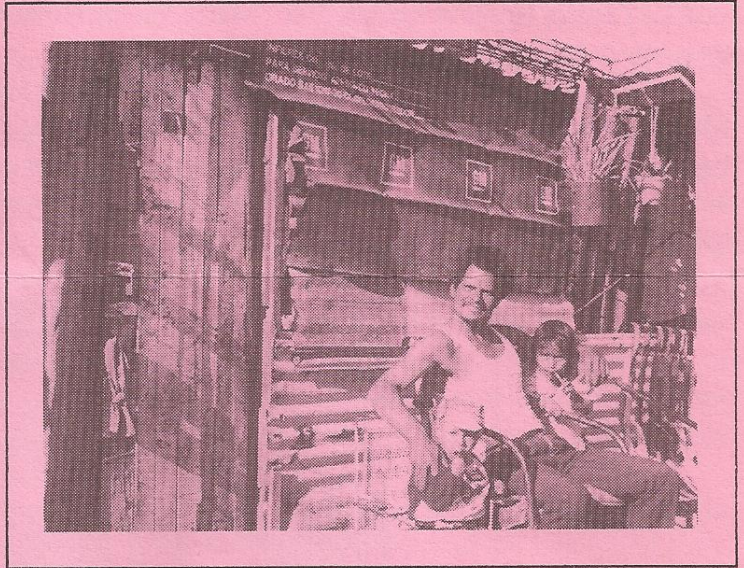
The fifteen boys at the home greeted us with a specially prepared meal. They had assisted the new Director Couple, Cristobal and Ana Lara to make "Enchiladas with Green Salza". The boys introduced themselves and told about their studies and their life stories. One of them was chosen to give a thank you speech and all asked us to greet you who support them in their occupational dreams. They concluded an enjoyable evening by singing several spiritual songs.

Four of the boys who had graduated from the home, came back to visit with us and tell us they are now in successful careers. From their testimonies, we know that your past investment in them has paid dividends for ages to come! Your donations of \$11,000 per year gives up to 20 young men an opportunity to make a difference in a future Mexico! The picture shows the making of "Enchiladas" at Cinco Banderas.

### **OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN**, Village of Almaguer, near Guadalupe, NL.

This village is on a mountain hillside overlooking the Monterrey Valley. There are no roads, only walking paths. All-terrain trucks can make it up a mile long rocky incline. Hundreds of poor families have built shacks with any available material. If they can find a job, they buy cements blocks and start permanent homes. Some Mexican Christians from Guadalupe started an aid program to the many children in the area. When they can, sometimes twice a week, they bring breakfast or supper. The volunteers also bring a program of instruction and entertainment to children and mothers who attend. When we visited, volunteer youth were dressed up as clowns and entertained with a Christian message. About 120 children and 25 mothers came from from their shacks to the small lot where we hope to help build a Christian Social Service Center for the village. At the end of our visit, we passed out candy and had a chance to talk with the children.

After this visit, we decided to double our donation for food to \$1200 per year. We ask for your prayers and support so we can help these people build a Center for Children. The pictures show children at the program and the type of homes they live in. The young father shown has a wife and four children living in the one room home.



### **STUDENT AID PROGRAM** in Monterrey, NL and Torreon Coah.

We did not have the time to visit with the 46 students from elementary to trade to college schools which you support. Dora Valdes recommended a few new candidates for help and we accepted them. You support them with about \$8,500 per year. All send their thanks for the opportunity you give them and their families for a better future!

## NEW REPORTS

**SHELTER:** Martha Rojas wrote to us in March: "I greet you in the name of our Lord! We are really thankful for the money you cordially send us every month. It is a great blessing for the Shelter. Here is a picture of nine of the eleven children we have now. We pray the Lord's Blessings for the donors of Caring Action for Children"

### MAMA PAULITA:

A whole truckload of used clothes was collected by Mennonite Churches in Pennsylvania. Samuel, a volunteer truckdriver transported the load to the bordertown of Brownsville. There Mexican volunteers from the Mama Paulita Patronato unloaded the clothes into a temporary storage room. When clearance to import into Mexico is received, these volunteers will transfer the gift with smaller trucks to the Mama Paulita Home.

The volunteers treated Samuel to dinner before he drove more than 1200 miles back to Pennsylvania. Thank you Mennonites!

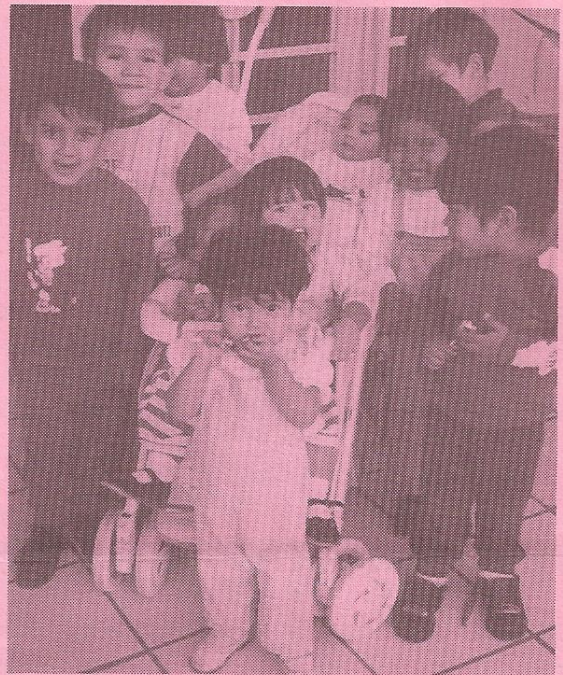
### LA FAMILIA:

Eliseo Rios, President of the La Familia Patronato telephoned to tell us there were 27 children at the home in March. He also let us know that four churches in USA and Mexico are sending teams to visit in 1997. They will do repair, bring clothes and school supplies, play with the children and help with expenses not covered by Caring Action. The new Director and his wife are doing a good job!

### VISITS TO MEXICO:

This spring we expect to have Helge Jansen with other visitors from Norway meet Tor in Mexico City. They will visit La Familia Home in Serdan, Pue., Mama Paulita Home in El Limon, Tamps., the new Mano Home and the other missions in Monterrey, NL. The visit will take 10 days.

This November a volunteer mission team will travel to Cancun for seven days to work on a project for Mayan children. You can volunteer to join if you like. The team will be led by Roni Clark with Tor and May. It will be limited to 15 volunteers. The cost for each is \$200 for a building material gift plus an estimated \$750 more for airfare from USA, hotel, two meals a day, excursion trip and local transportation. Write to Tor for details if you are interested in joining.



Above is the Mexico Team of 1996 to The Esperanza Home, near Cancun. Volunteers from four States and Mexico painted, built closets and cemented the play yard. Thank you Team!