

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

December
2002

Our 36th year
in Mexico

FELIZ NAVIDAD
MERRY CHRISTMAS
GOD JUL

These are wishes to you from the Children in Mexico and from workers for Caring Action in Mexico, USA, Norway and Sweden. May you experience the Blessings of Christmas all through the New Year.

“YO, YO, YO!” That is what we hear children in the Homes shout when they are asked: “Who wants to pray for the meal?” Perhaps you guessed, YO means I. Almost all are eager to be selected because they feel joy from living in a Christian Home with loving houseparent.

They never forget to pray for you, the donors, living in far-away places. They know that without your caring support, they would be back in an abusive environment with struggle for food, a secure place to call home, little opportunity for education and no loving adults that care about their hurts and needs.

We celebrate Christ in the comfort of our countries but we must not forget His message to us:

“Whenever you are caring for the forgotten children, you are caring for ME!”

Please remember these children and youth this season and in the year 2003. New trouble spots in this world and declining economies have caused a reduction in our donation income of about 10%. We must try harder to keep up helping the children.



**HAPPY CHILDREN CELEBRATING!
A PRINT FROM OUR FRIENDS AT
“BRUDERHOF”**

When you plan your Christmas gifts this year, please consider giving donations to the children in Mexico in the name of your friends. You would be giving something of lasting value! We have included a sheet of children's pictures. We invite you to enclose these in your Christmas cards to let your friends and family know about the gift you are making in their name.

News from the Homes

Mano and Cinco Banderas Student Homes in Monterrey

The girls at Mano and the boys at Cinco Banderas are anxiously waiting for the Christmas break. The students that have family in many different parts of Mexico receive money to travel home by bus. The Houseparents also get a break from all their responsibilities. A few students prefer to stay and do the home chores, but they are often invited out to the homes of Christian friends from different churches.

We received a letter from a young woman who wanted to live at the Mano Home. She is 17 years old and has a burning desire to become a Medical Doctor to help the poor. Her name is Merari and she comes from a family with eight girls. Her parents are missionaries to people in the area of Tuxpan on the Mexican gulf. The girls often traveled with their parents and learned a life of trusting God for everything.

The director of the Mano home told us about Merari. Her prayers and hard work resulted in excellent college preparation grades. Her parents could not help her. She needed \$1400 for enrollment at a Monterrey University. Caring Action for Children does not have that much money in the budget for individuals, but through God's will, we were able to arrange a private donation for Merari. She is now on the road to become a doctor.

Caring Action supports the operation of these two student homes which could hold up to 45 young persons from poor backgrounds. Right now we are supporting 29 at \$22 per month per person.

The Shelter for Very Young Children in Monterrey, NL.



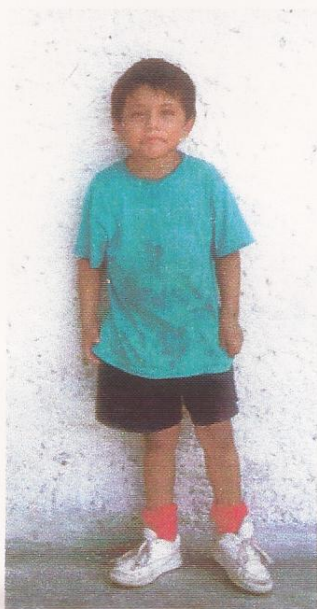
The Shelter is filled to capacity with 38 youngsters, now from the ages of one to about ten years old. The picture shows some of these well cared for children.

It is very satisfying to receive financial reports which show that six Mexican donor firms are supporting regularly. They will gradually make up for planned reduction by Caring Action.

The children, under supervision of volunteer Mexicans, excel in their school work. The Lord is truly blessing the work we started eight years ago!

Esperanza Home for Children in Bonfil, near Cancun, Q.Roo

A work team of New York Methodists gave their time and material costs to paint the new Vocational Training Building. They enjoyed being with the children and giving them early Christmas presents. We have a report and a picture of a new boy at Esperanza. Here is what we know of him:



Jose is 7 years old. He came from the State of Chiapas, where civil war and violence is common. Apparently his mother had been violent and abused him severely because he was brought to the home by the welfare service by order of a judge. There is no mention of a father.

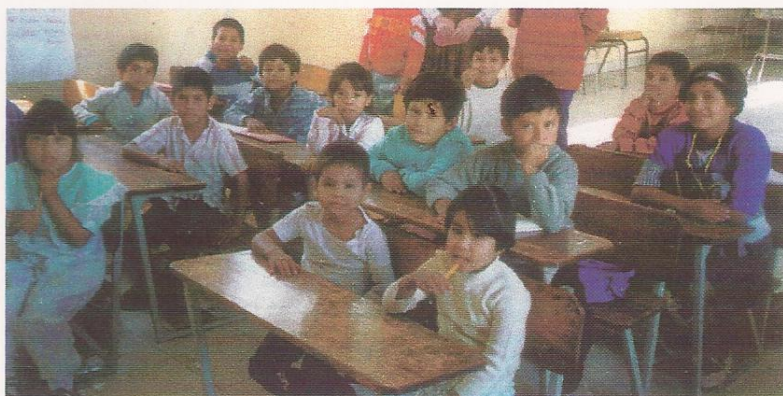
The welfare service does not pay anything for placing Jose or for the other 30 children. Your donations and those of caring Mexican individuals will give Jose an opportunity to celebrate a peaceful Christmas with many new friends.



Mama Paulita Home for Children in El Limon, Tamps.

The Mama Paulita Home operates a school for children Kindergarten through 3rd grade. Children from the El Limon community also attend.

The school is on the Children's Home property and has been in operation for almost 20 years.



Caring Action has one young man right now, Rodney, volunteering to give his time and talents for the children at Mama Paulita. He comes from the "Bruderhof" organization in Pennsylvania, which sponsored three young ladies for one year of service in past years. Anyone willing to work with children at homes we sponsor, please contact us for information. It will be an experience you will never forget.

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As a nonprofit, interdenominational organization, it is our goal to respond to the needs of the under privileged 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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CARING ACTION NEWS

You may notice a change in the Donation Secretary. Mary Clark has served several years and we thank her very much. She needed more time to home-school her two daughters.

Mia Varone, a mother of two young boys, appreciates what Caring Action is all about. She volunteered her time and banking talents with help from her computer-skilled husband. Thank you Mia! If you have an old donation envelope, you may use it as we have asked any mail to be forwarded to the new address in York, PA (P.O. Box 7277)



A Note from the President of Caring Action

At this time of year we are often so busy preparing for the holidays, shopping for gifts, and attending parties and Christmas events. Take a moment to think of the special children in the Caring Action Children's Homes in Mexico. They will be thrilled with a small toy or new shoes or a book for Christmas. Your gift will help us make their holiday a little more special. Consider giving donations to Caring Action as an alternative Christmas gift to your family and friends (who already have everything they need). Use the enclosed gift tags to let your family and friends know. And if you wish them to receive a copy of our newsletter so they know more about your gift, send us their addresses and we will be happy to forward a newsletter to them.

May your holidays be bright with the satisfaction that comes from giving to others.....Shirley Becker



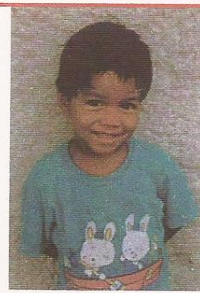
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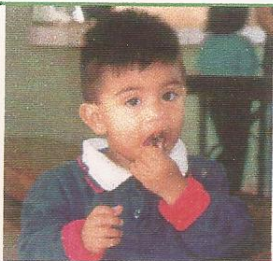
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