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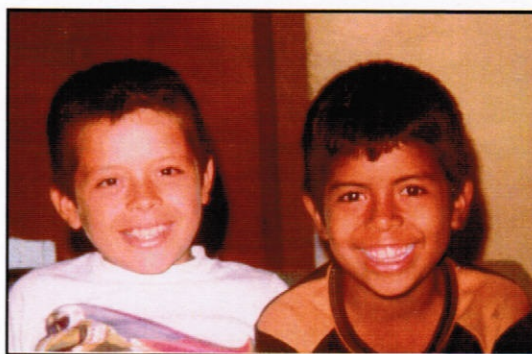
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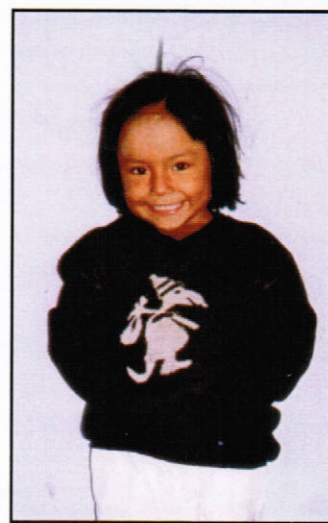
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Our 36th year
in Mexico

A collection of
Happy Children
you have helped...



Thank
you so
much!



Have a
blessed year
2002

Dear Readers and Supporters:

Caring Action for Children has tried to bring your children and youth in Mexico closer to you with our Newsletters. Your donations for our seven homes are still needed so we are continuing writing to you in our 36th year.

I have been traveling to Mexico for over 20 years now and met so many depending on us. Each child or youth has a story of poverty, neglect and lack of opportunities for education. One night I had a dream of talking to a girl at the home. She represented many of the stories I had heard. It went something like this:

Tor: Hello, what is your name and where did you come from?

Child: My name is Alicia Maria Gonzales Ortega. I don't know where I was born but my last village was called Xotepango. It is outside a very large city.

Tor: Why did you come to this Children's Home?

Alicia: Well, first I did not want to come here and leave all my friends on the street. I never knew there would be such a nice place for me. One day a policeman found me after I took some things at the marketplace. I was only trying to get something for my baby brother and sister. They are too young to get anything for themselves.

Tor: But what about your mother and father? Don't they give you what you need?

Alicia: I don't have a father any more. I don't know what happened, only that he liked to drink and stay in the bar all the time. One day he disappeared and my mother said she was glad. My mother cared for us for a while, but then she also left to work in the big city.

Tor: Who looked after you when she left?

Alicia: One day my mother just said to me: "Alicia, you are eight years old now, here are some Pesos. Take Pedro and Sarai on the bus to Xotepango and visit your grandmother. I will come to get you there as soon as I have some money!" I had never been on a bus alone before, but with the help of many people we found Grandma. She was sick living in a small room. There was no Grandpa.

Tor: So Grandma took care of you?

Alicia: Well, not exactly because she was in bed and could not walk. Some kind neighbors brought her food every day. Now we were four to feed and soon neighbors started to talk bad about my mother who never came back for us. After several months I decided to take Pedro and Sarai to a place near the market which I had found. There were some boxes and cardboard which we made for our home. Kind merchants gave me food that they could not sell and I brought it to the young ones. Our big problems was the dogs. They stole our food when we could not watch, but then, this was their home also.

Tor: So, one day the policeman found you?

Alicia: Yes, I was only trying to get some toys for Pedro and Sarai. They were only two and

four years old. The police man told me that many people had seen us living in our box and they knew I had been taking things. People wanted the policeman to do something! He brought all of us to the police station. We were so scared with so many big men looking at us. "What do we do with them?" they asked.

Tor: What happened next?

Alicia: We met the wife of the Mayor. She was all dressed up fancy like a princess and spoke to us: "You poor little children, what are you doing living out on the street?" I told her of my mother, and my grandmother. She said she would look for them and bring us back to live with our family. Then they gave us a place to sleep in the station and the nice policemen brought us food.

Tor: Did the fancy lady come back?

Alicia: Yes, she did after a few days. She told us she found our Grandmother but nobody knew where our mother was. Then she said, "Your Grandmother cannot care for you! I will bring you to the Casa Hogar!" I did not know what Casa Hogar was so I told the lady to bring us back to our box. We had friends there to give us food. "No," the Mayor's wife said, "I am in charge of the Welfare of this town so you come with me!" We had no choice.

Tor: Well, what was the Casa Hogar, your new Home, like?

Alicia: It was a big house with a fence all around it. Inside were many children, all in nice clothes. I did not want to talk with them at first, but then a boy came up and told me we get food three times a day and a clean place to sleep. "No dogs or rats?" I asked. The people in charge took us to an all-white room for baths. Then we got our hair cut because the dogs had given us insects, they said. Our new clothes felt so good and the tortillas with chicken were so tasty.

Tor: And how do you like it now after you have been here a month?

Alicia: I never would believe that a nice place like this could be for me, Pedro and Sarai! We have plenty here. And so many new friends who help care for Pedro. Sarai likes the toys in the play room. The house parents give us hugs and tell us nice things because they are Christians. I am learning a lot about love here. As soon as we get papers from the Mayor's wife, I can go to school with the other children. I'll learn to read!

Tor: Did they tell you that you have many friends in other countries also?

Alicia: Yes, they told me that some money to keep this Home comes from Christians in USA and a place called Scandinavia who want to help children like us in Mexico. They must love us a lot to give when they can't even see us! Please thank them so much! Send them my picture so they can see how happy I am!

My dream ended and I thought of Jesus' saying: "Whatever you have done for the least of these children, you have done for Me."

Have a great New Year!

Your director Tor



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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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Letters from Supporters

"We truly rejoice in what God is doing in Mexico and that we can have a share in reaching the LITTLE ONES. We wish we could drop in and hug those children!" ...Mr. And Mrs. P.L. USA

"After being on a work team to one of the homes, I decided to earn money to support the children. I made and sold baby quilts. Each person who bought one was told where the money would go and why. I am very pleased to give a donation of \$300. I carry the memory and pictures of the children with me every day and pray all is well with them."Mrs. J.K., USA

And now one from Mexico: *"Do you remember the Outreach Program for Children a few years ago? We met with the children in the streets and gave Bible lessons. One of those children was Jorge Lopez, a child around 10 years old. After a few weeks, his mother came to us to find out why Jorge had changed and was telling his parents about God's love. Today, after 15 years, Jorge is a Pastor and his friend Jasiel is one also. Rachel, also in the Outreach Program was touched by the Lord and wanted to be a Missionary. Now she is one!"Sra. M. F., Mexico*

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on our Mission to children and Youth in Mexico. Your encouragement keeps us going.