

# Caring Action



# For Children

## In Mexico

May  
2003

Our 37th year  
in Mexico



*Gloria greets you with a  
smile of happiness!*

Dear Friends of Children in Mexico,

If you are like me, you are frustrated about all the war troubles in our world. We like to help everywhere to make this a more peaceful world. With all the TV exposure, our first inclination may be to direct our attention to Iraq.

I was meditating on what we should do besides pray. Then in back of my mind came an old Sunday School song: "brighten the corner where you are!" Perhaps that was God saying, "Continue the work you are doing for Me where you are. I have others to do my will in the Middle East."

Caring Action will continue to "Brighten Our Corner" in Mexico. The children there still need us to love them, give them a secure home, feed and clothe them, and educate them.

Thanks for your help with the four Homes for children and the two Homes for youth, plus the two outreach programs to poor children living in their homes. All current and former children know the Spirit of Christ is living in you, the donors in the USA and in Scandinavia. You have supported abandoned children for 37 years.

In 2002 we were able to distribute \$74,619 to our projects in Mexico. Thank you so much!

Tor, your director





## Family Reunion for a Day



The picture above shows a mother with 6 children. Nothing unusual about that. Several destitute mothers and some fathers come to the Home for visits once or twice a year. This story is a little different. The father of these children is dead, and the mother is serving time in jail for murder.

Three years ago, five of their children were brought to the home by authorities. They were in poor health but have been raised with love in a Christian environment. Now, the mother had been given some "free time" to see her children and to ask the Home to take care of her youngest boy also. Pictured in the center, he probably was becoming too old to be with her in jail.

This was Saturday, and it was so touching to see how all her children stayed with her in a corner of the property all day. They were telling about experiences and showing their new found Christian love and forgiveness. They proudly introduced me to their Mama and she agreed to me taking this picture. Up until then I did not even know that all 6 of these children were siblings. She was very thankful for their care and to see that all looked so healthy and full of life in this beautiful Home.

When she asked if her youngest child could stay in the Home, the directors were torn about what to say. Official documents were required, even when the government did not pay a centavo for placement. We know the cost for one child is about \$750 a year now. Sufficient operating funds for the 27 children is lacking now with prices rising rapidly in Mexico.

Mother and young son had to depart at the end of the day for a 12 hour bus ride to the State of Tabasco. She was happy to know that many strangers with the love of Jesus are caring for her children and that the five are praying for her and the little brother. Truly the children were a witness of Christ to their mother!



## **La Familia Home for Children, Serdan, Puebla**

When work groups travel to the Homes, they write about their experiences with the children. Here is one we received.

### ***Jose the Caterpillar***

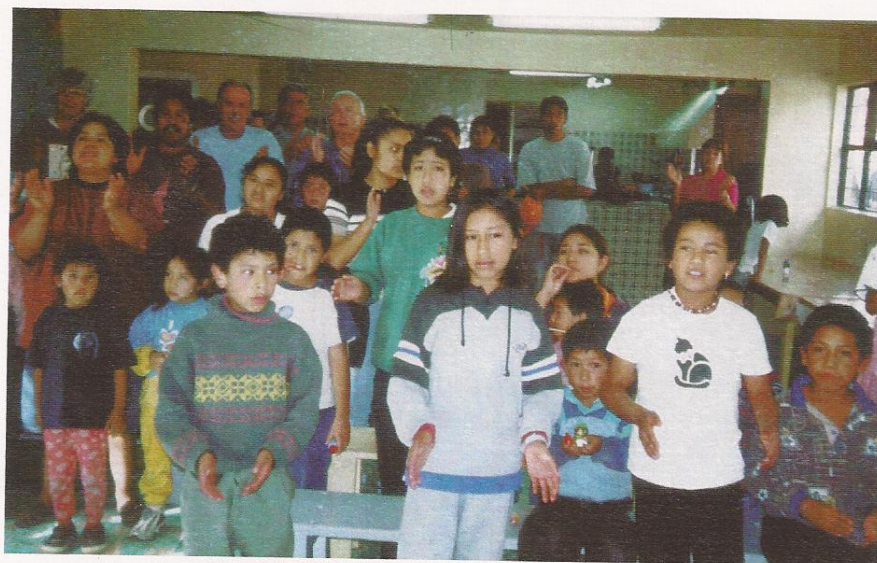
"On all our trips to the Children's Homes, we have a devotional time. This day the devotion leader used a child's book about a caterpillar. This caterpillar was not very attractive as he grew ugly eating up all the healthy green leaves all day. Then a strange thing happened. Soon the ugly caterpillar turned into a beautiful butterfly! God had created something that at first seemed destructive and not attractive into a beautiful creature!

Children at the Home arrive there sometimes just like a caterpillar. Wrapped up in their own misery and afraid of a new place. We got to meet one this visit. Jose, 12 years old, had arrived a few days earlier. He was from a family which practiced witchcraft. They had left Jose to himself since early childhood. He could not write his name and had difficulty relating to people.

Our group was drawn to him and made special efforts to include him in our work and play with the other children. He struggled, we could see, and he did not know how to cope in this new environment. We hugged him and held his hand a lot. We showed him to write his name and called him by name to let him know he was somebody!

By the end of our week, Jose was finally starting to smile, come and sit with us on his own, and almost ask for our hugs. We had told him the butterfly story and he kept holding on to the book. A quiet smile came on his face when we called his name. The other children had followed our lead and began to accept him.

The day we left we assured Jose that we would come back and that God loved him more than we could! That morning all the children sang a song in English. As God's little butterflies, their smiles were beautiful!





## Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

A non-profit interdenominational organization  
dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for  
the under-privileged children in their country.

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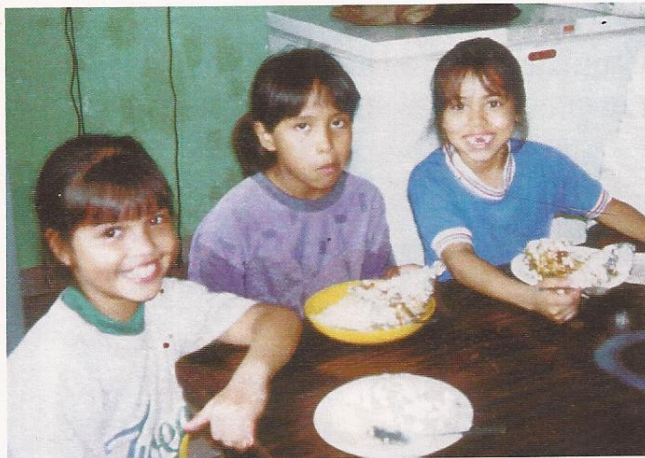
### OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- To respond to the needs of children in Mexico by providing food, housing, clothing, an education, and spiritual guidance.
- To assist concerned Mexicans in taking full responsibility for property and operations of the Children's Homes.

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*Some of the oldest children at the Shelter  
in Monterrey*

## Volunteer Mission Workers

This year we have three long term volunteers to help the homes. Rodney came to the Mama Paulita Home. Allen and Diane came to the La Familia Home. The young men volunteered from the Bruderhof Foundation in N.Y. and PA. Diane, a mature woman, came from a United Methodist Church in New York.

These volunteers are a gift sent by God because they can help with after-school work and chores that make possible some time-off for houseparents. They also take time to play with the children and teach music, English and basic maintenance skills.

Contact us if you are interested in spending 6 months or more in this Christian service. We are also planning a week long Mission Work Trip from November 6-13, 2003 to the Esperanza Home near Cancun. If interested, please contact us at the above address.....*Tor and May Jansen*