

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

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Our 37th year
in Mexico

Dear Friends of Children in Mexico

Do you remember the end of summer and your first day back to school? Or do you remember getting your children ready for the first day of school? Imagine being a houseparent at the Children's Homes in Mexico getting 30 or more children ready!

First the children must have new uniforms and usually black shoes. Without these they are not permitted in the Public School. That is an extra expense coming from the same budget as the food, the Houseparent's salary and medical fees. The choice is hard but the Houseparent knows education must come first at this time.

It costs about \$2.60 per day in U.S. dollars to provide food, schooling, clothing and medical costs. Your gifts and those of Mexicans are the only income that makes our four homes for children and two homes for youth possible. All the homes are operated by dedicated Mexican Christians. Love and personal attention are in abundance for these formerly neglected children and youth!

With your faithful gifts we have been able to keep up our donations at a level where we encourage Mexicans to participate in giving. A long time donor, Julia Hintz, recently passed away. She was thoughtful enough to remember Caring Action for Children in her will. Her memory will long live in the lives of Mexican Children! We thank all donors very much.

I recently traveled with mission friends to visit new homes in Mexico. I wish we could also help them in their struggles. I'll include a description by Bill, one of my fellow travelers.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as your director.

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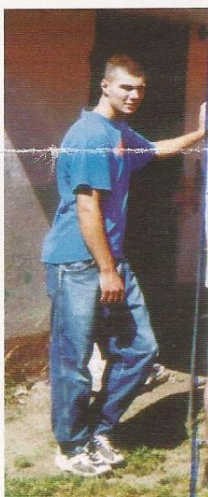
Back to school and homework!

News from the Homes we support

LA FAMILIA, Serdan, Puebla

Several *Volunteer in Mission* groups visited the home this summer. The children enjoyed their time off from school and all the attention from the visitors. The volunteers from the USA painted, cleaned up, repaired electrical wiring and fixtures. They also brought many gifts, one of them a new trampoline.

Alan, a young man who has volunteered one year of his life to help the children, is still there and helps coordinate work, teaches computer skills and translates in Spanish. (He is pictured, right, helping a child learn computer skills.) Some new children arrived and quickly melted into the crowd of about 20. The houseparents had a chore to get all the children ready for school, stretching their budget for new uniforms.



MAMA PAULITA, El Limon, Tamps.

Similar activities happened at this home this summer. They did not have as many USA volunteer visitors, but the nearby church in Mante provided programs for the 35 children. Another young man who has given a year to provide help to this home, Rodney, has been a big help in teaching and working with children. He is very good with the many maintenance chores. His Spanish translation was very helpful to the Mission Team when he traveled with them as a translator.

ESPERANZA HOME, Bonfil, Q.Roo

We have not visited there for some time but we get the financial reports regularly. There are about 30 children there now. We are preparing to send two volunteer groups this fall. They will be from Indiana and from Pennsylvania. Most of the work will be painting, clean-up and repair because the building part has been done. We appreciate their donations and love for the children.

The biggest problem in keeping these Homes going is the rapidly increasing prices of food and supplies in Mexico. There is very little or no government help so the Children's Homes depend on foreign and Mexican gifts.

If you can give more, we can help more!

A story of Houseparents we met

By Bill Lee

"We received a special blessing at the last home we visited in Mexico! We were a five member mission team looking for Homes of abandoned children that could use our help.

We had heard about a Home in a small village of Derramedero in the State of Coahuila. We drove in a van on a dirt road, about 45 miles from a main highway. The village appeared incredibly poor with less than 300 residents. The streets were dusty, unpaved and very bumpy. We asked for directions from the only person on the street and found the Esperanza Mission. We wondered why the Lord had pushed us to find this place! The answer came soon after we met the houseparents.

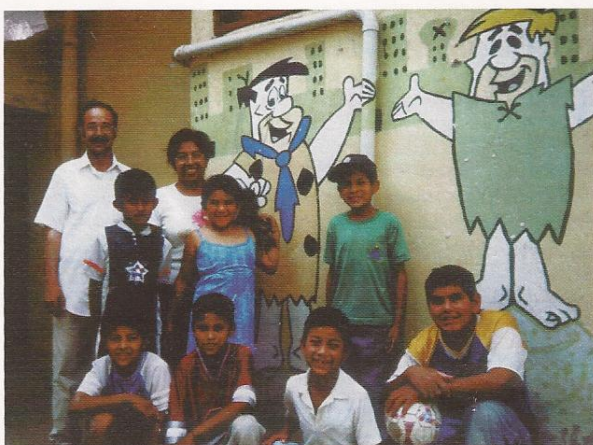
Inside, we, the unexpected guests, were greeted by Martha and her husband Carlos. They invited us to meet the children and see the facilities. Martha then began to tell why she was here working with the poor. She had grown up in Derramedero where her family needed her every day to sell vegetables on the roadside and beg for coins. As a teenager she had an opportunity to live with her aunt in the big city of Saltillo. She thought she would get an education there. Her aunt had other ideas—she wanted her for a maid and treated her as a servant, not a niece. Martha longed for schooling for a long time!

Later in a church, she sang in a choir and met Carlos. He was an educated Mexican Oil Company manager and also a musician at the church. They married and her life improved significantly. Martha graduated from college but her heart was still with the family and poor neighbors of Derramedero. But Carlos said he could not give up his job and lifestyle in Saltillo.

Two years passed and the Lord spoke to Carlos. They sold their home in Saltillo and bought an old hacienda (antique farm) with several buildings, in Derramedero. Today they have 13 children under their care and also spend time delivering prepared food to the poor and elderly.

The Home exists day-to-day relying on the Lord and income from selling vegetable and donated clothing. They also have a carpenter shop and one man who can produce primitive style furniture for cash. On some weekends Martha and Carlos use their musical talents to play guitar and sing for coins. With their children they witness their faith in the big city of Saltillo,

One of the other men who was a part of this mission trip had been touched by this couples' struggles, and has been back several times to revisit. Please pray that James will discover a way to help Martha and Carlos with their Mission.



Some of the children posed



Carlos and Maria, Houseparents.

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- 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.

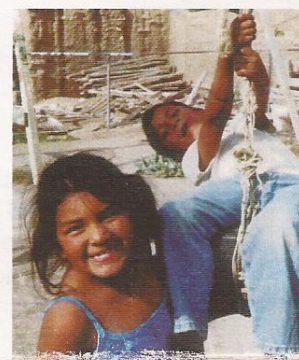
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MANO and Cinco Banderas Youth Homes, Monterrey Area, N.L.

New students have been accepted at both homes to replace those who graduated last spring. The students are selected from poor families that cannot support a higher education. They are referred to the Homes from churches all over Mexico. Students will attend the many trade schools or colleges in the Monterrey Area and live dormitory style in our Christian Homes. Houseparents provide guidance for their lives and insure that all have good meals and a place to study.

ALMAGUER OUTREACH PROGRAM, Monterrey Are, N.L.

This summer, a group of 40 young people came from Illinois to build and clean up at the community house being constructed. A wall was needed around the property to keep out intruders from the slum area. Meals and Christian programs are provided by a local Mexican Church. Thanks to your help, donors, Caring Action provides the funds for the meals to feed these destitute children.

