

# Caring Action



# For Children

In Mexico

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2004

Our 38th year  
in Mexico

## Dear Friends of Children in Mexico

We usually like to start this newsletter with happy stories of children. This summer we received an e-mail from a visitor to one of the Homes. It is sad, but we want to share it with you, the supporters of the Homes for Children in Mexico.

*"Two children were dropped off by DIF (Welfare Department), this morning. The mother had abandoned her children and ran away with a truck driver. She left three children, ages 3, 2, and 1, with a woman.*

*The one year old was left unattended in a tub of water and drowned. At this point, the police and DIF became involved and took the two surviving children to the Home for Children.*

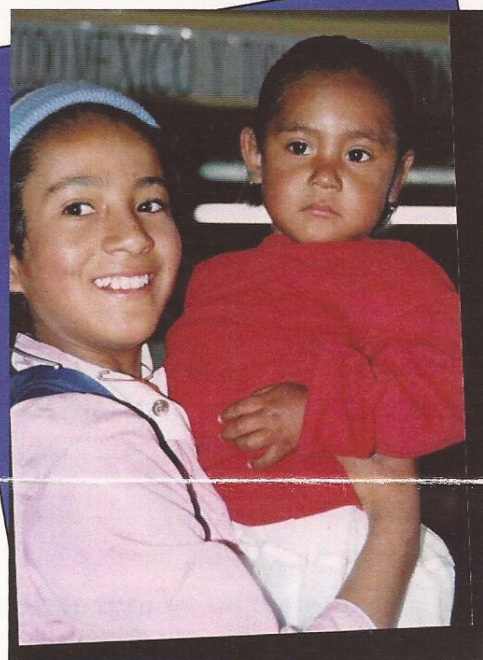
*They were sadly in need of a bath and food. The three year old boy gulped down a big glass of milk and asked if he could have another. These two little ones were quickly accepted by the other children who smothered them with love. The three year old boy is named Manolo, and the two year old girl is named Leticia."*

You can see her pictured above, held by one of the older children in the home. The older kids quickly took the new children under their wings and gave them lots of love and attention.

We are sad for the baby that died, but happy for the two that came to the Home. The houseparents and the other children will make sure that they receive the Christian love they deserve! Your prayers and financial donations will make it possible!

The four Homes for Children and two Homes for Youth are doing well. A third Home for Youth that we have been building has been promised by our Mexican friends to be opened this fall. Because costs have been rising in Mexico, we have made the decision to raise the amounts of money we are sending to the Homes each month. Your extra donations will help make this possible. Thank you for your continued support!

Your director, Tor





## Mama Paulita Home for children in El Limon, Tamaulipas



Caring Action was able to help the home with replacement of all windows at this home. A generous donation from our friends in Sweden made this possible. Thank you very much. Visitors from the USA that have seen the installation report that the work by Mexican workers is excellent. The Home sends their appreciation.

The 35-40 children enjoyed many activities this summer sponsored by members of a large church in the nearby city of Mante. The temperatures are often over

100 degrees Fahrenheit, so the children especially enjoy trips to the river where they can cool off and swim.

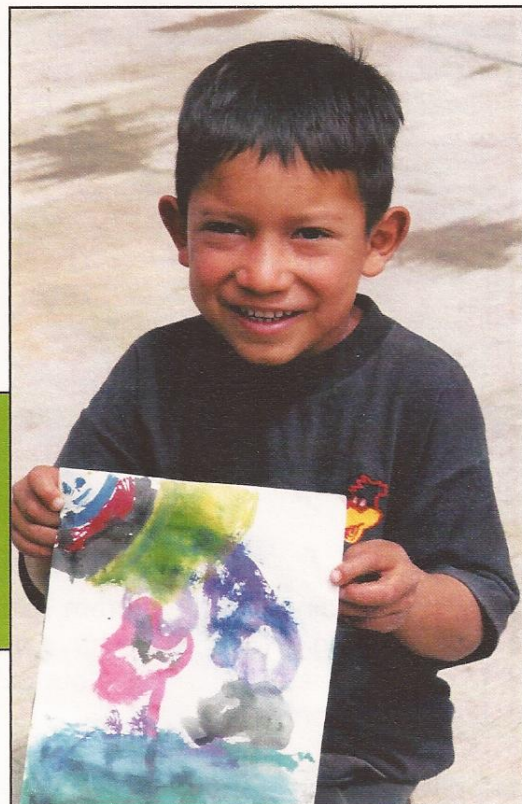
*Above, one of the housemothers, Nancy, enjoys a card game with some of the girls in their dormitory.*

## La Familia Home for children in Serdan, Puebla

Several volunteer work teams came to the Home this summer to give attention to the children and to fix up with paint and repairs. These teams come from several churches in the USA which now have formed an association called "Amigos of La Familia" or ALF. They also sponsor most of the daily operational cost of the Home all year. At this point, the Caring Action donations are reserved for emergencies which always seem to happen.

Several new children have come, bringing the total to 25. The oldest boy, Neri, went to a church music camp this summer, where he learned to play the flute. The houseparents, Jose and Ana Laura are doing a good job caring for the children. We pray they will stay for a long time.

*Here, one of the boys shows off his watercolor drawing with pride.*



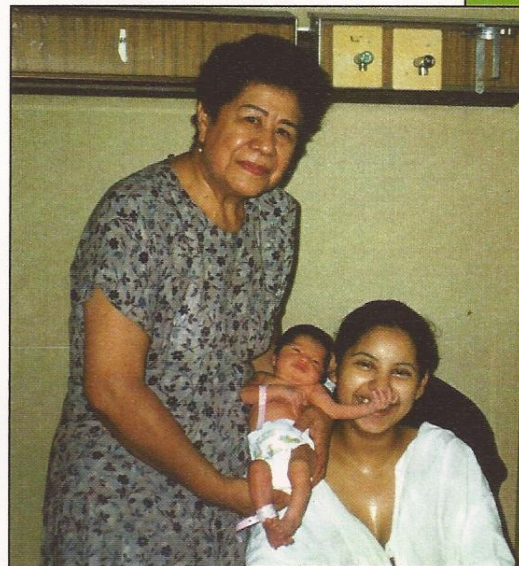


# Shelter for the Very Young

This Home, located in Monterrey, is bursting with 42 children. We are happy that this Home that we built and fully supported is now finding financial help in Mexico. Many Mexican churches and industrial firms are now providing donations to supplement those of Caring Action.

The children are helped by volunteer Mexican tutors and music teachers, and they excel in their school work. One new older child was recently accepted to the Home so that she could be close to her sister who is a student in the MANO Home nearby.

*To the right, Martha Rojas, the Director, welcomes a newborn baby and his mother.*



## Esperanza Home for children in Bonfil, near Cancun

At this time of the year, the children must get ready for a new school year. The directors, Pastor and Mrs. Mancilla, must get new uniforms and shoes for the 25 children to be admitted to school. That is a big expense which must come from the same budget as food and other necessities.

This November, a volunteer team will go with Tor and May to Esperanza for one week to provide maintenance help and to interact with the children. The team will pay for needed supplies and their own expenses as they travel. These volunteer trips are blessings for both the Mexican adults and children, and for the American volunteers.

*To the left, three of the older girls pose in the dining room.*





## 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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- 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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## Outreach Programs in the Monterrey area

We have started one new outreach project called Betel America. It is in cooperation with a village church called Betel and is in a village called America. Last March we met with two volunteer Mexican women who came to the village every week to organize and run Saturday programs for children and youth in a poor community. We decided to help them with some funds each month for program materials. We also continue to fund a Meal Program to the children of Almaguer, and a scholarship program to help poor children stay in elementary, high school, and higher education schools. We have a Monterrey Coordinating Committee, led by Miriam and Benjamin Valdes, which coordinates our missions in the Monterrey area. We want to thank them for this work of love.

The youth student homes in Monterrey and Tlaxiaco will be covered in the next newsletter.

