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For Children

In Mexico

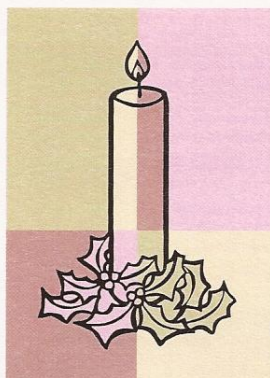
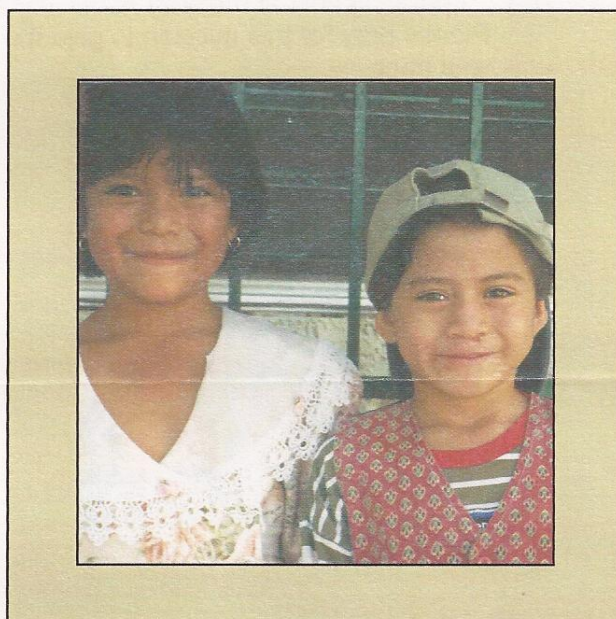
Christmas
2004

Our 38th year
in Mexico

Dear Friends of Children in Mexico

The crisp air of fall and winter is waking us up from the relaxing summer days. Once again, we think of our children in Mexico. Did they receive new uniforms to start school? Do they have shoes and clothes they need? Are they getting enough food? Is someone giving them love?

In the Homes, we take care of these needs. Even so, it is hard for an abandoned child to live with 20-30 other children. Sometimes when they are hurting, an adult may not be near to soothe them. At Christmas, when most schoolmates are surrounded by family, they may again feel alone, missing visits from relatives and friends.



I have observed that children make the best of their situation, just like the two girls pictured. There is very little crying, fighting or bickering. They initiate their own activities with playmates. Houseparents lovingly arrange special holiday parties with extra funds donated. When visitors come, children respond with joy to the added attention, gifts and goodies.

You, the donors to Caring Action for Children in Mexico, really make a difference in the lives of these children. Without your support, these Homes would not exist very long. The Mexican government goes not provide any financial aid. Local people must therefore raise private support. We as foreigners can help them and be "The Good Neighbors."

God promised Abraham that He would bless him so he could bless others. The same still applies to us today! We wish you a Blessed Christmas season and a year 2005 full of new opportunities!

Tor Jansen, for the children in Mexico, and the volunteers of Caring Action for Children

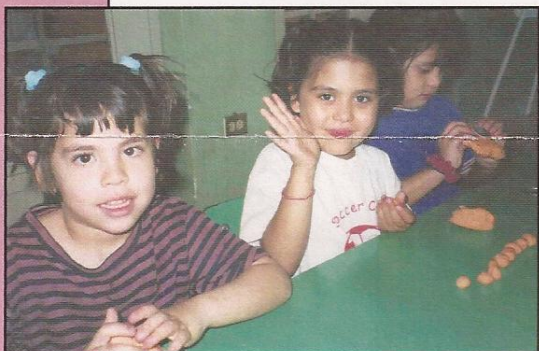
Home for Indigenous (Indian) Youth, Tlaxiaco, Oax-

The Methodist Churches of southeast Mexico have adopted this project. Bishop Pedro Moreno has organized a new Board to start a Mission in this Home. A building has been constructed with a grant from Norway, and a director has been appointed and will soon start working with indigenous families in the Tlaxiaco area. Caring Action for Children has authorized funds to furnish and get this Home ready.

Caring Action has agreed to pay 75% of the operating cost at the start of this mission. The local churches promised to contribute the rest. Please pray for this mission to give the indigenous young an education to lift them into a life with hope.



The Shelter for Young Children Monterrey, NL.



The Shelter is doing well and the 40 or more children excel in school. The big dream of Martha Rojas, the Director, is to construct an Auditorium / Library building which can expand cultural and educational experiences of the children as well as the community. Adjacent land has already been promised by the city, so all that is now needed is funds!

Several Mexican industrial contributors are participating in the operational cost of the Shelter, making it easier to provide for the children in their care. We were happy to hear that the children are receiving extra tutoring in music and academics.

Mama Paulita Home for Children El Limon, Tamps.

Last summer, all the windows were replaced at the Home. Life was made more comfortable for the 35 children. Screening keeps the bugs and mosquitoes out and the tight windows will keep the wind and dust from entering. The cost was contributed by our friends in Sweden. Children from one school in Gothenburg collect money every year for Caring Action by giving one day a year to do work chores.

Several volunteer groups are preparing to work and visit with the children in 2005. One local church in the City of Mante manages daily operation of the Home and is making arrangement for the visitors.



Esperanza Home for Children, Bonfil, Q.Roo

Several hurricanes have passed by this home this year. We are thankful that the children and the Home have been spared injuries and major damage. A team of 12 from Pennsylvania is ready to come for a week of painting, cleaning, sewing and giving children attention with love, gifts and needed supplies.

The new training building is used when volunteer Mexican teachers can be found to help train in computers, English, different trades, and sewing. Funds are lacking right now for paid teachers.

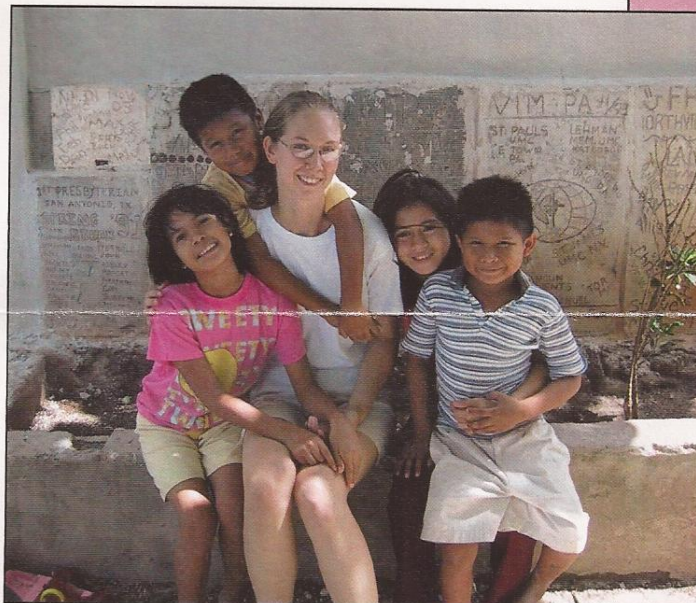
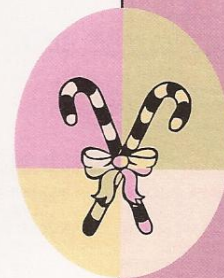
Steve and Cindy Nelson from Wisconsin were vacationing in Cancun. They promised to visit the Esperanza Home and wrote this back to us:

"...We got in a taxi in Cancun and asked if the driver could take us to the Esperanza Home in Bonfil. He found the place after some searching. I asked him and his wife who was with him, if he could wait for us. He said "Si, porque no?" (Sure, why not?) Both enjoyed visiting with us in the Home and did not even charge us for waiting time.

A small group of happy children met us at the gate and called for Francine, a Canadian volunteer helper. (Francine is pictured to the right with some of the children.) She called Pastor Mancilla, the Director to check our references from Tor Jansen. Soon she let us in. Inside the gate was a paved patio where kids were playing. They immediately gathered around us, hugged us and agreed to pose for pictures. They enjoyed seeing themselves instantly on our digital camera.

The children were called for lunch and Francine was kind enough to show us around. There were about 20 boys and girls from 7-19 years old. We saw their dorm rooms which were bright and cheery, freshly painted, clean with bunk beds. A couple of teenage girls were in their room doing their homework and listening to the radio. They smiled when we looked in and seemed to be pretty content in their surroundings.

We could not stay too long but got the impression that the children were well cared for and that they appreciated it!"



Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

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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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Share the blessings God has given you with the children of Mexico this Christmas



These children are so grateful for the special treats, clothing, and small gifts they receive at Christmas. When planning your holiday gifts for family and friends, consider giving a donation to Caring Action in honor of your loved one—a gift that will bless not only your special person back home, but also will doubly bless a child that has very little.

Included in this newsletter are some "gift tags" that you can use to let your family member or friend know that a donation has been made in their honor.

Thanks for sharing your blessings with the little ones we care for.

-Shirley Becker, President,
Caring Action for Children



The girls at Mama Paulita, with housemother Nancy