

Caring Action



In Mexico

For Children

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Our 38th year
in Mexico

“Happy, healthy children that go to school everyday, help with chores around the Home, and are taught that God loves them.”

This is what we saw in the Children's Homes we visited as we toured 5 of the 7 projects that Caring Action for Children helps to support. Two of the board members, Darlene Hansen and myself, accompanied the Director, Tor Jansen, on a visit to check the status of each Home. We met with the local “patronato” (board of directors), toured the facilities, and most important of all, sat and played with the children. We ate our meals with the children, walked them to school, heard their evening devotions and Bible verse memorizing, and formed friendships. Each child is very special in these Children's Homes. Each has a unique “story” about how they come to be there. Some have endured very sad home lives with abuse, some were abandoned or orphaned, and some were dropped off because their parents were unable to take care of them. But even those with the saddest story are now smiling and happy because they can feel that they are loved and safe, with food in their tummies, and decent clothing on their backs.

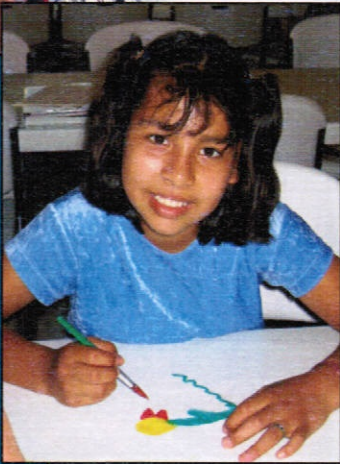
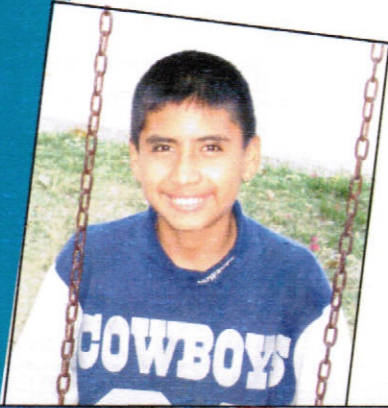


The dollars you send to Caring Action for Children are all sent to Mexico every month to make sure the children are well cared for. Thanks for your continued support every month. The children are very grateful to their American friends who care for them. Know that your dollars are well spent.

Look inside for updates on each of the children's homes that we visited.

Shirley Becker
President, Caring Action for Children

Mama Paulita



This Children's Home, **Casa Hogar Mama Paulita**, is located in El Limon, just outside the town of Mante. The 30 children here are taken care of very capably by three houseparents. It is very obvious that these children are well taken care of, and live an orderly life. We walked with the children to school and saw what a good education they are getting. After school, they come home, have a meal, and then everyone sits down and does homework. Late afternoons and early evenings are for chores to maintain the grounds and to keep everything neat and clean, followed by some play time.

Each evening before bed we heard the houseparents in the boys and girls dorm rooms having devotions with the children, hearing the Bible verses that were being memorized, and praying together. Then it was lights out.

These children range in age from 5 years to 17. Many of the children have been there for much of their lives, and are approaching the age when they will need to leave and go on to school or get a job. The houseparents are working with a local church to find a way for the oldest children to continue in a trade school in the nearest town.

Shelter for Babies

The **Shelter for Babies and Young Children** in Monterrey is always a joy for me to visit. Imagine almost 40 little ones ranging from 6 months to 6 years, all in one room, eating lunch. These very small children are provided with a safe place to live and develop, with good food, a preschool on-site for the three and four year olds, and an elementary school a few steps away for the oldest ones to attend. We found the children to be healthy, and eager for hugs and playtime with us.



La Familia

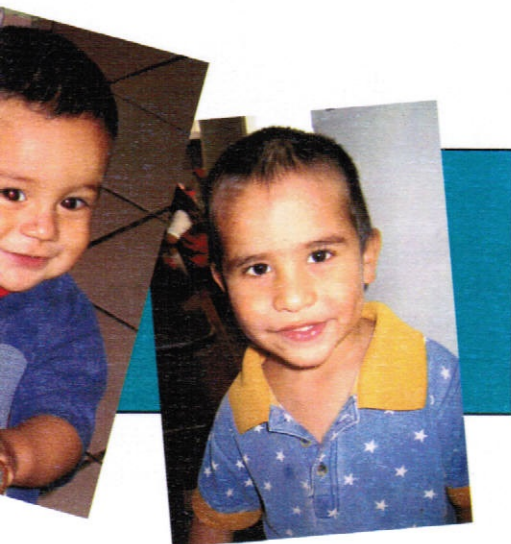
La Familia Casa Hogar is located in the remote village of Serdan, a couple hours away from Puebla by bus. When we arrived, we were greeted by two small children who excitedly took our hands and led us to a small room where we found 8 puppies! These special little pups were the most exciting thing to the young children living here, and we found ourselves dragged over to visit the puppies several times a day.

The children are younger here, and very openly share their friendship and love with the visitors they get. We were very impressed with the "family-like" environment that the house-parents have nurtured. The children were happy to play with each other, with the older ones lovingly taking care of the littlest ones (age 4.)

Our visit happened to include a Sunday, so we joined that whole gang as they attended worship and Sunday School at the local church. The children enjoyed singing the praise music, joining in whole-heartedly. We left that day feeling confident that the children are in good hands and are much loved and cared for.



and Small Children



Martha Rojas, the Director of the Shelter, has worked very diligently to find funding and sponsors in Mexico to help her build two new buildings on the site for dormitories. And she is in the middle of building a Bakery on the site, so that they can bake and sell bread to the community as a way to raise more money to support this growing Children's Home. These little ones are in good hands here, with all the helpers Martha has lined up to take care of the children.

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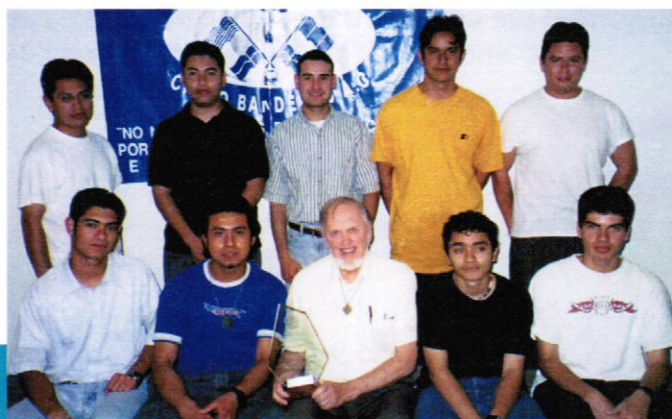
- To respond to the needs of children in Mexico by providing food, housing, clothing, an education, and spiritual guidance.
- To assist concerned Mexicans in taking full responsibility for property and operations of the Children's Homes.

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Mano Home

Pictured here with Darlene, Shirley and Tor are the young women living at the Mano Home in Monterrey. They are happy to have a place to live while they attend the university or trade school. One of the girls grew up at Mama Paulita, and moved on to Monterrey to prepare for a career.



Cinco Banderas

These young men are currently living at Cinco Banderas Home for young men in Monterrey. They are all enrolled in educational programs at one of the universities. While enjoying a supper with them, we found out that many of them are working to be engineers. Tor is sitting with them holding a special award given to him by the Cinco Banderas patronato with appreciation.