

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

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Our 39th year
in Mexico

Dear Supporters of children in Mexico,

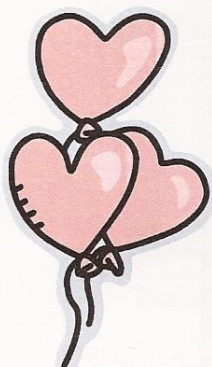
Happy New Year to all of you! In 2005 we are starting our 39th year helping caring Mexicans who give hope to the many abandoned children in their country.

With the terrible news of Tsumami victims, I thought of appealing for funds to help in southeast Asia. But then I received a statistic from one donor: "There are 15 million children in Mexico who live in horrors of poverty, in squatter settlements. Imagine living in a shack, on dirt floors, without running water, electricity, sanitation, transportation, and little opportunity for an education."

Many of these children are abandoned and that brought me back to reality. "We must continue to concentrate on goals to care for God's children in Mexico! That is what we were called to do!"



We are happy to report that in November 2004 we had the formal opening of our 7th Home in Mexico. In December the first two children arrived, followed by eight more in January. The children came from very remote mountain areas where they do not have opportunities for an education beyond an elementary level. They will live at the Home called "Hogar Estudiantes Indígena" or HEI for short. The meaning is Home for Indigenous Students. Children are from Indian villages far from services of the Mexican government. Now they can attend schools in the town of Tlaxiaco and still keep connection with their family.



The HEI building and about 6 acres of grounds were funded by a grant from Norway. Caring Action for Children will support the running of the home with your donations. A group, called Patronato, from Methodist churches in Mexico, has agreed to collect 25% of the operating costs.

We are so happy for your help in our mission projects for the children. You make my "retirement vocation" meaningful! Many thanks.....

Tor, your Director

The HEI Project in Tlaxiaco

We received this letter from the Patronato of the Home for Indigenous Students. It will give you an idea of how Mexicans have worked to get read for the children:

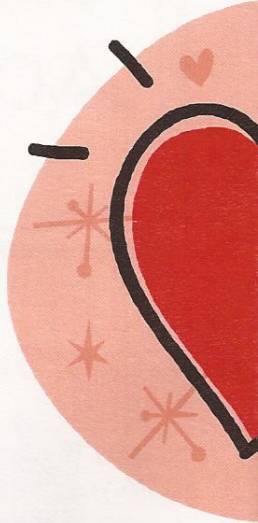
"Hello Friends of Caring Action for Children:

We send greetings from the Patronato and wish you continued blessings of God in your lives and give you this report on the status of the HEI project.

- *The Director has now been appointed and is functioning in Tlaxiaco to supervise work done by volunteers, as follows:*
 - The floor tiles in the dining room have been purchased and applied. First we had to change the level of the floor since it made water flow in when it rained.*
 - A bench was made in front of the main door for a nicer presentation.*
 - A small channel was dug to avoid water flowing next to the wall of the house.*
 - We put on a protection cover for the water heater. We already have electric light and water. Today we can say that we have all necessities in the house for the expected children.*
- *We bought the bunk beds and mattresses from your funds. The sheets, pillows and blankets were donated by the church "The Messiah" of Saint Juan, Acozac.*
- *We received a cook-stove and a refrigerator donated by friends in churches of the city of Puebla.*
- *Dining tables and the chairs were purchased from donations by members of the Church of Magdalena in Tlatelulco.*
- *We already made contact with the pastor of the Pentecost Church in Tlaxiaco for children that need lodging in the House.*
- *We are preparing a report and remain satisfied of the work that we have done; always knowing that we worked for the Lord, not for mankind.*

We are ready and waiting for the operation of the 'Home for Indigenous Students'! Thank you for helping us reach this goal!"

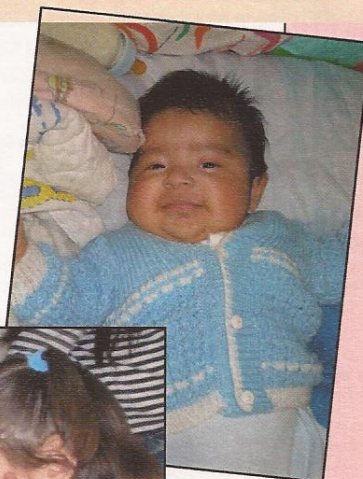
We pray that God guides the children and makes them blessings for Mexico.



Shelter for Young Children

Imagine living with 43 children age newborn to 11 years. The Shelter in Monterrey has not only increased in children but also in local financial supporters. The monthly report lists 8 Mexican donors besides Caring Action. These Mexicans represent individuals, businesses and churches which contribute more than 50% of the operating cost.

The successful director, Martha Rojas, had a dream to start a bakery to supplement the income for the home. That dream happened last fall when the bakery and store were opened with the help of Mexican and USA volunteers. Now Martha has a new dream- to construct a multi-purpose building to give formerly abandoned children and the community an expanded cultural vision. Can we help?



Esperanza Bonfil, near Cancun

A team of Pennsylvania volunteers spent one week at this Home of 17 children. They painted mostly outside walls, cleaned the inside, fixed plumbing and electrical, and used two sewing machines to make clothes and bed covers. During the visit the team went to missions in the Yucatan jungle and also saw remnants of the Mayan Civilization.

The team spent quality time with the children working together and having an early Christmas celebration. The team gave their time, love and a significant financial donation. Pastor and Mrs. Mancilla, the directors, were asked by a young man from the local Cancun church if he could marry Maira, the oldest girl in the home. They know the boy, and were happy to say "yes" in place of the missing parents. Maira is 19 years old, and they will be married in March. We are sure all 16 "brothers and sisters" in the Home will be part of the wedding celebration. You have helped support Maira for almost 10 years.



*The work team with some of the Esperanza children.
Above, our oldest volunteer at 80 enjoys the kids*



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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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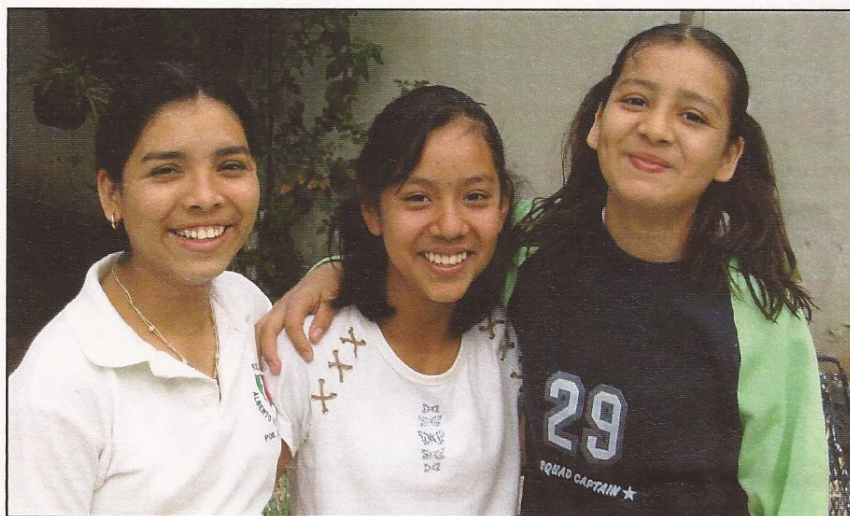
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Mama Paulita Home for Children in Limon, Tamps

A team of volunteers from Wisconsin will be traveling to this home in February, followed by another team from Indiana in July. They will be working on an extra shower room for the older boys in addition to projects with the 35 children. Let us know if you would like to join a team. The pictures shows happy girls at Mama Paulita.



Thank you for the many extra gifts
received from you in honor of friends
at Christmas. Your kindness will be
a lasting hope for the forgotten chil-
dren in Mexico.

