

Caring Action



In Mexico

For Children

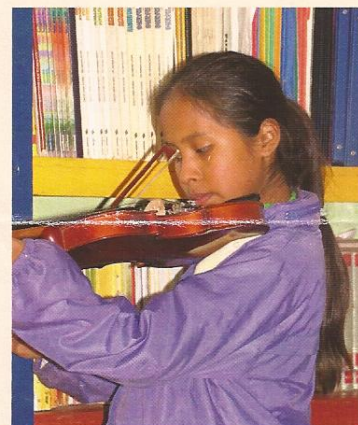
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Our 39th year
in Mexico

A New Dream for Mexican Children Takes Shape

God has interesting ways to get people from different parts of this world involved in His Plan. Listed below are some of the people God has used to bring hope to the unwanted children of Monterrey:

- Some years ago, a Teacher from Sweden saw needs during visits to Mexico. He applied to the Swedish government for funds to build a Shelter for abandoned and neglected children. The government, influenced by churches in Sweden, gave a building grant.
- A Mexican Architect and engineer offered free services to make plans and oversee construction of this Shelter. American groups volunteered to help build later additions.
- The Head Nurse in a Mexican hospital organized Christian nurses and social workers to influence the local Monterrey city government to give a land grant. They did so for 99 years. Donors from Mexico, the USA, Norway and Sweden then pitched in to raise about \$4,000 a month in operating expenses from 45 children.
- A retired Grandpa reads in a Chicago newspaper: "Half of 100 million people in Mexico live in poverty, many subsist on about \$1.00 a day. About 12 million children live in horrible conditions and do not have opportunities to improve their future." His reading resulted in a dream. He first contacted Caring Action for Children. Then with the help of a Korean-American architect and retired builders, a Multi-purpose building was drawn up. (See the next page.) God had also given the Shelter director a similar dream.



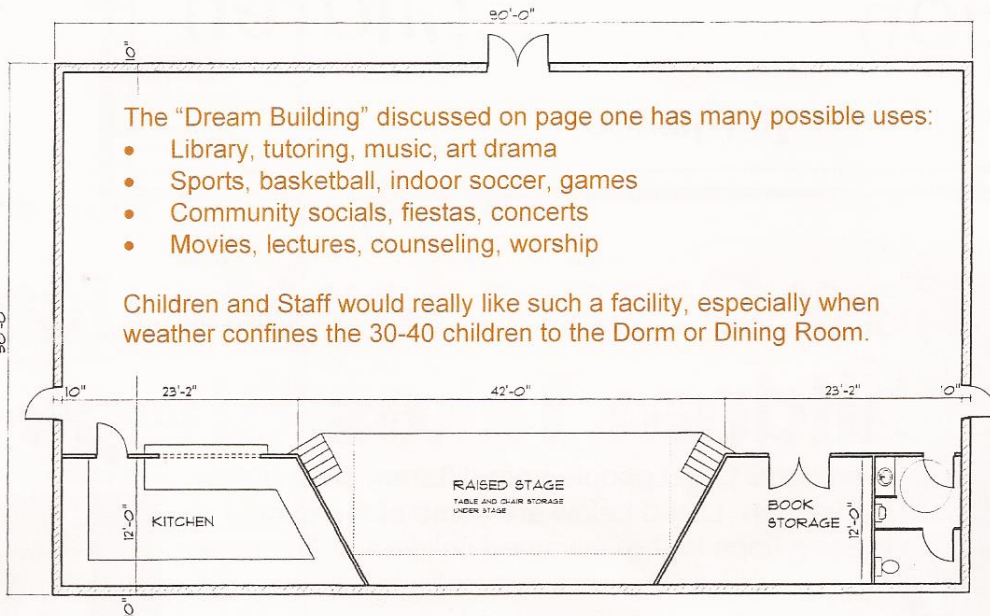
More opportunities to develop talents

New construction will be funded by a partnership with Mexicans. Partners are being organized. Are you interested? After the first building is made, a standard design can be replicated for many other Homes. The success of this project will enrich children and community. God is working in so many ways we cannot imagine!

Your director, Tor

Building Projects Planned for this Year

Shelter for Young Children in Monterrey



The "Dream Building" discussed on page one has many possible uses:

- Library, tutoring, music, art drama
- Sports, basketball, indoor soccer, games
- Community socials, fiestas, concerts
- Movies, lectures, counseling, worship

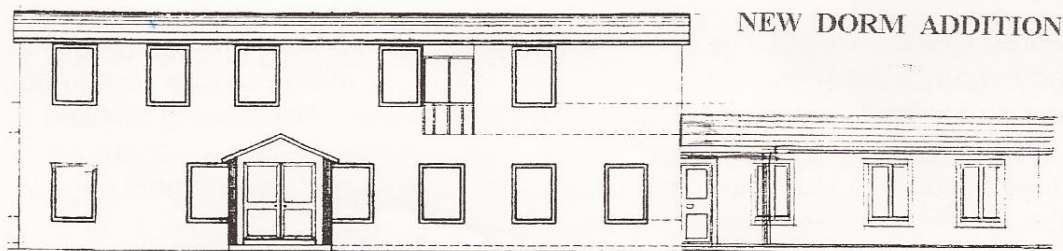
Children and Staff would really like such a facility, especially when weather confines the 30-40 children to the Dorm or Dining Room.



A new bathroom will be started for the older boys at Mama Paulita. Mexican donations plus gifts from a couple in Norway, two Lutheran churches in Southern California, and United Methodist churches in Indiana and Texas will enable Mexican workers to do the job. Thanks to all who contributed.

Mama Paulita Home in Mante

Home for Indigenous Students in Oaxaca



The Home for Indigenous Students in Oaxaca needs a Dorm Addition for 10-15 more students who have applied to come from their remote mountain villages to study. Funding for construction will be shared between Mexican Methodists and a gift from our Swedish friends. The sketch shows the dorm attached to the dining room. Mexican labor will do the construction. Volunteer teams may be used to paint and clean up.





Hurricanes and Work Teams



Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are suffering through the effects of Hurricane Katrina. Two of our Homes were in danger from Hurricane Emily earlier this summer. We prayed a lot for the safety of children at the Esperanza Home near Cancun, and the Mama Paulita Home near Tampico. The weather forecast predicted the storm path would be close to both homes. Our reports indicate they came through with only minor damage and flooding.

During the storm at Mama Paulita we were doubly concerned because we had a church team from Indiana volunteering at the time. God protected them also and the work and gifts left behind. They are ready to return, although they endured rain and 105-110 degrees F. They did painting, installed grids on windows, sewed curtains and had Bible School for the children. In February a church team from Wisconsin had also volunteered and been blessed. The picture below shows the Indiana team with some Mama Paulita children.



At Mama Paulita:

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Caring Action Board Members used donated money from Los Angeles area churches to purchase bike parts to repair the bikes at the Home.

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4 girls walk to school early in the morning while it is still dark!



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A non-profit interdenominational organization dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for the under-privileged children in their country.

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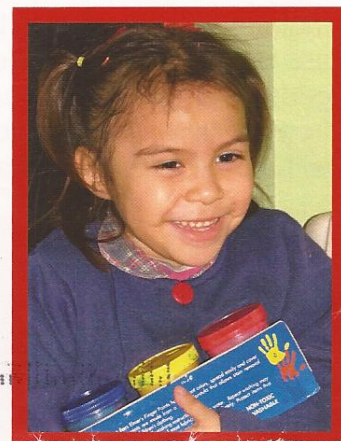
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OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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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An Excerpt of a Volunteer Team Report from Texas

"Each trip to the La Familia Home is special and takes on its own identity. This visit reminded me how far God has brought this Home in a few years. It's gone from a worn out place to one with sparkling kitchen, dorms and bathrooms. Most importantly, the children laugh and are happy living here. The Joy of the Lord is felt!"

Eight of us made the journey to La Familia this year. Six were "first timers," so they added excitement to the trip. The children poured out the door when we arrived, jumping up and down and hugging all of us. All were treated with immediate acceptance and big smiles. The home was clean and everything looked so good.

The next day we had Sunday Church in the home. A praise band and an overhead projector appeared for singing. We sang along in Spanish as best we could to some familiar tunes. This was a rest day and we played games with the children all afternoon.



Monday morning was cool and bright. The children got up early, and quietly went about their chores. The team started with devotions and sharing. We had breakfast and then on to our work projects.

Now we are all back home with memories of Alfredo, Juan, Jasmine, Arturo, Isbella and all the other children tucked into our prayers and hearts forever."