

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

August
2006



Our 40th year



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY!

The time has gone by fast. Many children we served in Mexico have grown up and most are living good lives with the hope we gave them in the Homes we supported.

From time to time we get reports from some of them. We are happy for the many good seeds we have sown in their hearts.

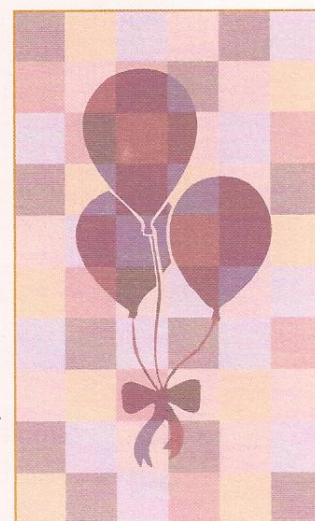
Looking back in our records, in just the last 20 years, Caring Action for Children has donated **1.32 Million US Dollars** for daily support to the Homes and Projects. In addition, during this period we were able to obtain Grants and Gifts of about **0.5 Million Dollars** for building five more homes. Most of the building Grants came from Scandinavian countries. If we add the two homes built the first 20 years, we probably **total more than 2.5 Million Dollars in gifts**.

You, the donors in USA, Norway and Sweden have been faithful with your support these many years. Caring Action has given the funds with "Unconditional Love" and provided titles to all Homes to the Mexican care givers.

We hope you have enjoyed the five colorful Newsletters each year, telling the stories of the children. This is our major connection with you and we are happy to represent you in this mission to children. Please enjoy the happy face of our Anniversary Child as she looks out the window of the pre-school room of the "Shelter" at Monterrey, Mexico!

Thanks to God and for you the Donors for our Opportunity to serve!

— Tor, Your Director



How it all started:

Memories from a founding board member

On a lovely Fall day in 1967 Martha Pedroza and I, Evelyn Lindstrom, were conversing in the supply room of our elementary school. Suddenly out of nowhere we heard our fellow teacher, Trygve Jansen's voice: " Martha and Evelyn, we must meet for lunch in my class room!" Now, when Trygve spoke we paid attention and met. A flame was ignited! We decided to meet regularly for organizing a program to help Children and Youth in Mexico.

Martha had a friend in Mexico who knew a woman who was caring for abandoned children. They were living in squalid conditions.....leaking roof, broken windows, no bathroom facilities and no workable kitchen. Here was our first opportunity to help! We decided to send Trygve to Mexico to see what we could do. We armed him with our prayers, a bunch of new pencils with erasers and a bag of See's sucker lollipops. Martha who knew Spanish, gave him a blitz course in Survival Spanish.

Trygve went to Mexico and returned with such enthusiasm, we knew we had a mission! During all this excitement, Mary, Trygve's wife, in her quiet way worked in our make-shift office, answering phones, giving out information and recording donations. When we met on Sunday afternoons, she would elegantly serve the most delicious coffee and cakes, all in Norwegian style, even with white tablecloths.

All this reminiscing brings to mind the wonderful experience of starting Caring Action for Children. Now, after 40 years, we have helped build and start 7 homes for children and youth. Our focus has always been to give them the best living conditions we could provide and present opportunities to know the Lord as their Savior! At times, progress was slow due to distance, customs, and language barriers of a foreign country but with persistence, patience and leadership of Tor and new Board Members, our mission to children flourishes!

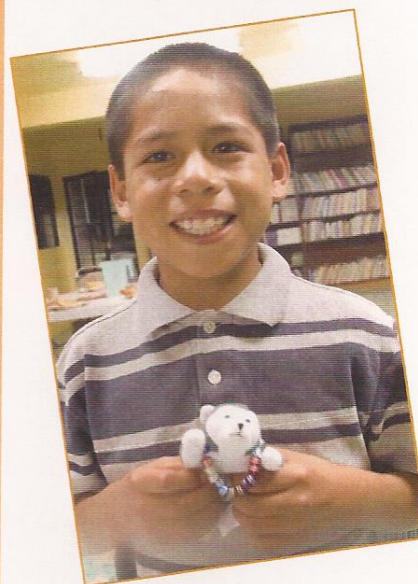
Martha and I, as the remaining founders, have been just as blessed as the children---- if not more!

Evelyn Lindstrom

La Familia Home

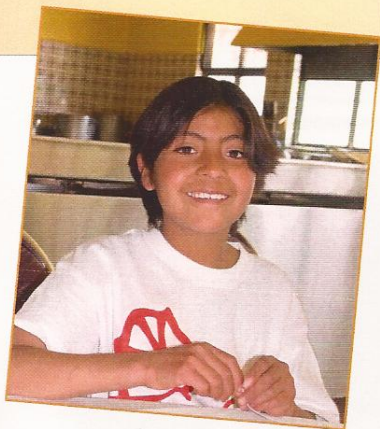
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The Houseparents of this Home, Jos and Ana Laura, have served the children for four years. Now they need to spend more time with their own teenagers, and have stepped down. We thank them for the dedicated love and all the time spent with the children without vacation time. The picture below shows Ana Laura with the Children.



Home for Children

Puebla



A new houseparent couple came in with pre-arrival training for their new task. Their names are Juan and Maria Francisco. They already have made many improvements in the home and made contacts with local Mexican merchants to obtain donations of food for the Home. Several visitors from the USA have come to show their cooperation and love during the change of houseparents.

The Board of Action chose to pay the full support for the Home in July. Their friends of La Familia have promised to take care of the remaining months.

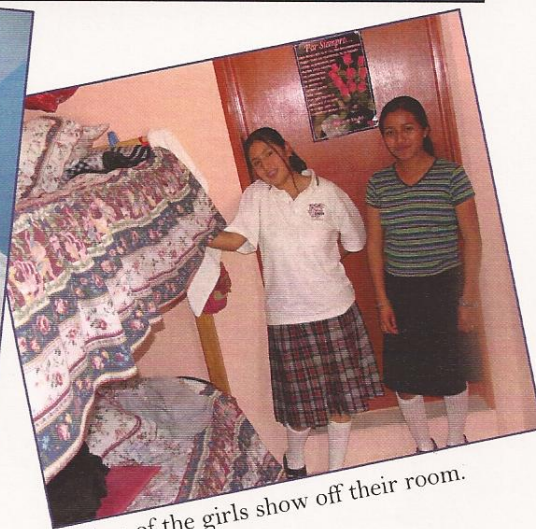


The Home for Indigenous Boys and Girls

Tlaxiaco, Oax.

The dormitory addition for boys is progressing and hopes for increasing the capacity looks good for the fall. Our last report in May stated that only the electric, water and sanitation facilities were lacking. With two dorms they can house up to 20 boys and 10 girls.

The picture below shows members of the Mexican board checking out the inside of the new boy's dorm. We are hoping for Mexican donations to take care of beds and bedding. The construction fund of this Home came from Norway and Sweden.



Two of the girls show off their room.

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dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for
the under-privileged children in their country.

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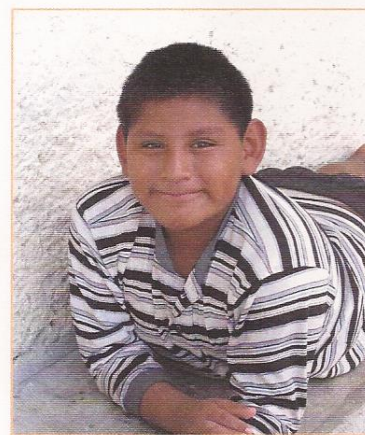
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OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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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Volunteer Visitor Teams

All the Homes continue to receive Volunteer Teams. This Spring a couple from Sweden came to the Shelter in Monterrey for 3 months. In the Summer, teams came from Indiana, Pennsylvania, Texas and Ohio to the various Homes for Children. Caring Action also received applications from three young people from Norway who want to serve 3 to 12 Months at the Esperanza and Mama Paulita Homes.

Caring Action is planning a one week team trip for November. If interested in joining or organizing your own team, contact us. Below is a team report that gives you an idea what a visit to a Home is like:

-----"The best part is the way each of the children accepted our team. They always were around, willing to help. When they weren't, they enjoyed 'hanging out' with the younger team members. We loved the interaction. All of a sudden one of the kids would just come up and give you a big hug. You could tell they loved us being there with them. We said to each other, 'how happy they all seemed.'

-----A team member said in her devotion, 'This is Holy Ground.' I think she meant, if you want to experience God, come here where He is at work.'

----- We have to come back again to see 'the rest of the story' ".

