

# Caring Action



# For Children

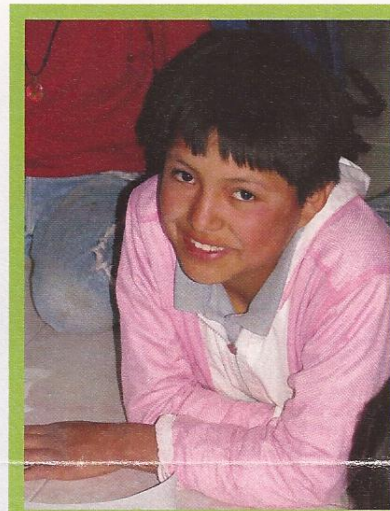
In Mexico

March  
2006

Our 39th year  
in Mexico

## Thanks for your dedication to Children in Mexico!

A rabbi was trying to explain different levels of charity to his granddaughter as he had learned from the old scriptures. He told her these levels went from giving reluctantly to a final and best level where a person gives from the heart without even knowing who will receive and where the person who receives does not even know who has given the gift. At this level, he said, giving becomes a natural expression of God in us. Just like flowers that naturally breathe out their perfume!



You, our donors, have given at this level for 40 years now. Your gifts have offered so many children opportunities for their future. We see the results. Just a week ago, I had a phone call from Thomas from Mexico City. He asked if I remembered him as a child at the La Familia Home. He had a good job now and his younger brother Jose was living with him. Another brother lives happily in another city. All three brothers had lived at the home. Thomas wanted to let us know his gratitude for the care received 10 years ago. I also learned that David, who was under our care 20 years ago, is now a regular financial donor to Caring Action. Former children often come back to repay your kindness.

In 2005 we saw many world problems that decreased donations to several organizations. You increased your donations to Caring Action, enabling us to give more where needed. We also started to help refurbish and build bath rooms for two homes and construct dormitory space for one home.

One new way to generate donations was started by a church in Pennsylvania. For Christmas the congregation was given the option of either donating memorial flowers for the sanctuary, or donating memorial gifts for the Mexican children. Many members opted for a lasting memorial to the children and we are grateful for the check. Praise the Lord for His works!

Thanks for the Volunteer Mission team that offered their time and finances to restore the Esperanza Home after the Wilma Hurricane. Many of you also sent dedicated funds for this Home. We sent extra funds to the Directors who made sure children and facilities were restored to normal. We appreciate your responses.

Inside you'll find the latest information from 4 of our Homes...we'll share about the others next time.

.....Tor, your director



# News from the Homes...

## Mama Paulita Home in El Limon, Tamps.

The president of the home's Board writes,

*"One of our most exciting rewards has been to see the faces of the children full of joy. As you talk with them you can sense peace in their hearts resulting from the love and care they receive. They are secure knowing that they have daily meals, education, care when sick, comforted in times of fear and above all love and acceptance."*

*This Christmas we gave children an opportunity to take a vacation trip to relatives, thanks to your generosity! God has blessed us with a staff that is committed, efficient, responsible, loving and creative.*

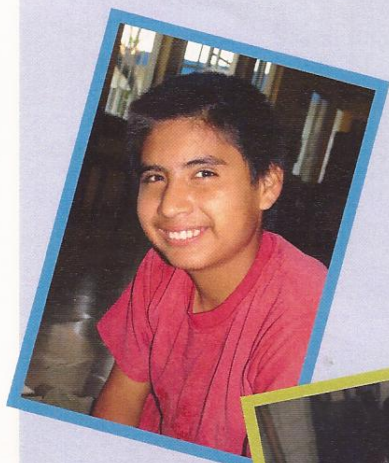
*You change lives without hope and uncertain future to lives with love, peace and security! Thank you very much!*

The construction of the new bath room for older boys is progressing. Dedicated funds for this was given by an anniversary couple in Norway and churches in Texas and Indiana.

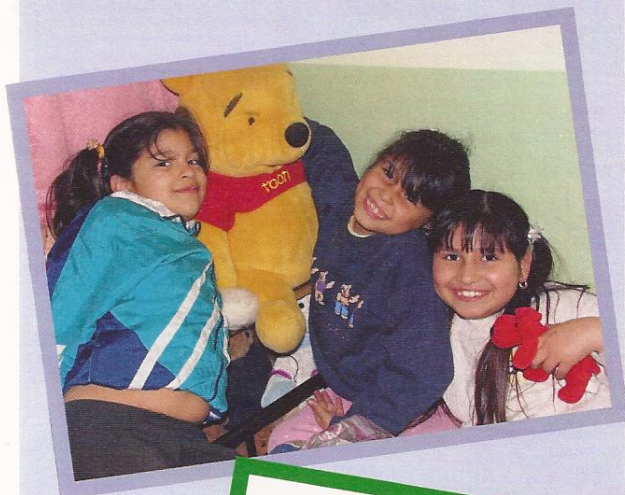
## The Shelter in Monterrey, N.L.

A group of persons interested in helping to fill the dream of a multi-use auditorium/library at the Shelter visited before Christmas. They represented architects, builders and other professions from California and Illinois. Now they are back home trying to raise funds to help Mexican donors make the dream come true. A drawing prepared by a Mexican architect has been selected.

The group met and loved the 50 youngsters who would not let go of the new hands and hugs. A volunteer couple from Sweden is scheduled to give two spring months of loving service to the children.



Mama Paulita  
kids whose lives  
now have hope!



These children  
have a loving  
and stable  
home at the  
Shelter.

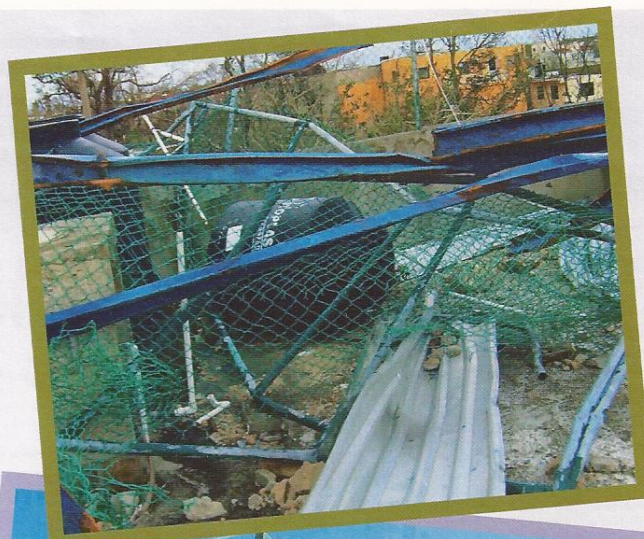




## Esperanza Home in Bonfil, Q.Roo

The Wilma Hurricane hovered over the Cancun area for almost two days with winds up to 145 miles per hour. Fortunately the structure was well built and kept the huddled children safe. Most of the damage was on the flat roof where much flying debris had damaged walls, water tanks and the propane gas tank. Steel beam weldments from several blocks away landed on the roof doing most of the damage. (See top photo.) It was so heavy that welders had to cut it up in pieces to carry it away.

A team from Pennsylvania volunteered on short notice to fly to help restore the roof walls and to clean up debris and fallen fence walls. Photo to the right shows new fencing and supports around the tanks. Pastor Mancilla, who directs the home, sends their appreciation to the team and all the donors from Car-ing Action for Children who prayed and sent funds to restore the home and community. The children are in school and all is close to normal now.



## Home for Indigenous Children, Tlaxiaco, Oax.

The dormitory construction has started. Walls are up and the Mexican mason promises a rough building will be finished in April 2006. During the last visit we met ten youngsters, age 10-12, who live at the home, and attend schools in Tlaxiaco, about 1/2 hour walk away. They expressed happiness for opportunity to have a home close to schools.

Tim, a young volunteer from Europe, spent 3 months at the Home. He helped with chores and tutored the two girls and eight boys. He sent us many pictures showing construction and children with the house parents (see the picture to the right.) Rosalio, pictured bottom right, is a typical indigenous boy in his home far away in the mountains.

We appreciate the active involvement of the Mexican Methodist Board, which sends us reports on the progress periodically.





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A non-profit interdenominational organization  
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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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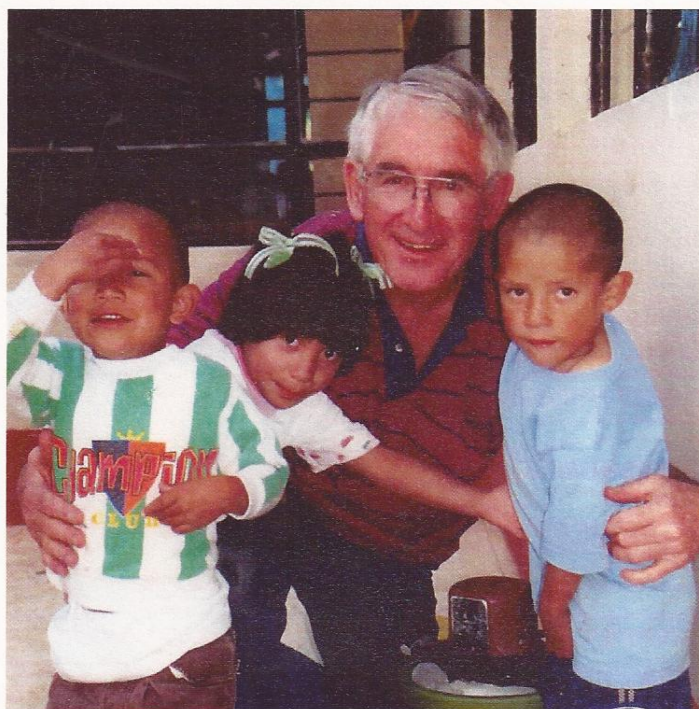
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## We Remember Bill Cotten



This good friend went to be with the Lord while he was preparing to make another trip to children in Mexico. He had led many groups to the La Familia and Mama Paulita Homes. The children will miss his home-made ice cream maker which he always carried in his van and treated the children.

He transported much paint, clothing, building supplies and love in his van from Fort Worth, Texas to Mexico. He was also the contact person for Mexico Volunteers for the US -UMC Board of Missions.

We all miss him. Our prayers go out for Paula, his wife.