

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

May
2006

Our 40th year

**Children Smiling...
Thriving...
Learning...**

**That's what we see every time we
visit the Caring Action
Children's Homes in Mexico!**

This past March, we visited three of the Caring Action Homes in Mexico. Once again, we were struck with how happy these children are, and what an opportunity they have to make a difference in their community when they grow up.



Living in a clean home with nourishing food, and loved and cared for by house parents, these children go to school every day, and learn to love and serve God through daily devotions and weekly Sunday School and Church. Music is an important part of their development, and many of the children are taking lessons on musical instruments.

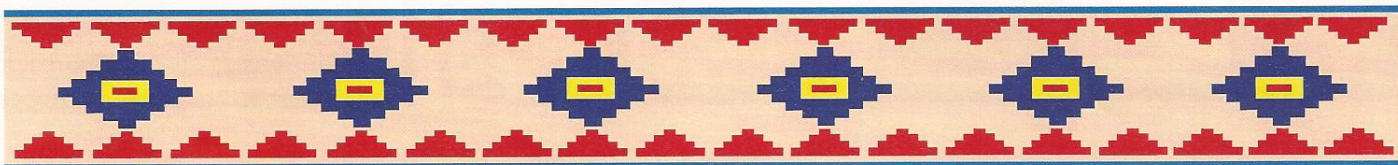
When they grow up, they have an opportunity to attend further schooling by staying in one of our Homes for Students in Monterrey. There they can attend the university or a trade school. We have been thrilled to see some of our former abandoned children return as adults and give back out of gratitude by serving on the local board for the Home, by donating funds to help others, and by bringing gifts to the children.

Your regular donations are bringing these opportunities to these little ones. Thanks for continuing to support Caring Action each month. It enables us to send regular funds to the houseparents to pay for food, school, uniforms, music lessons, and dedicated staff needed to make such a nurturing Home for the children.

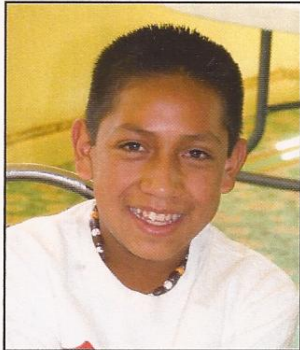
With His Love,

Shirley Becker, and Susan Newsom

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La Familia Home for Children



Serdan, Puebla

The La Familia Home was built by Caring Action over 20 years ago, and has been supported by us ever since. Many children have been helped by this warm family-style environment.

In the past few years, several United Methodist churches have "adopted" this Home, and provided support. In the next few months, they will be helping with a change in administration as the current house parents move on and a new director shoulders the responsibility. Caring Action will continue to oversee the Home and provide funds for needed projects for the children.

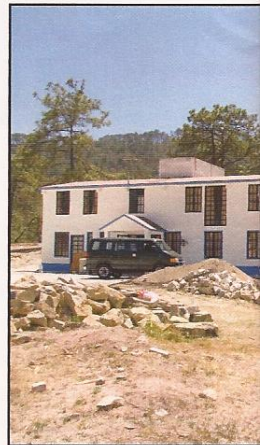
While we were there we had opportunities to play with the children, to observe them doing their chores, and take them out for ice cream treats. We also took the house-mother shopping for some needed items for the children—socks, underwear, and cooking utensils. The children are so loving and affectionate that it was with regret that we needed to move on and visit the next home!



Ho Indigen

Tlaxi

Our latest project in Mexico is a new home in southern Mexico for teenage students to live in. Phase one was completed and students are living there now. Phase two is planned, and we were able to complete it! This additional building, (on the existing building,) will allow more students to live here.



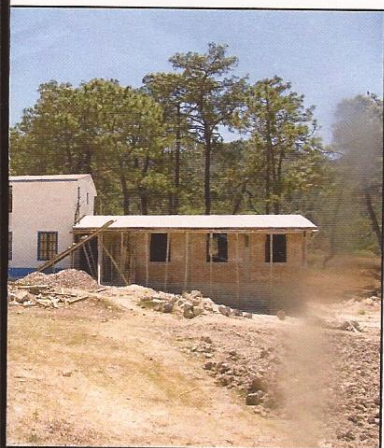
These young men and women are receiving an education. The town is a short walk from the Home. The children like to do homework because homework has become a habit. There are computers.. While the computers were donated by some Mexican Christians, and we were able to help by purchasing a printer and needed accessories. In this picture, you see the students trying out the new computer for the first time!



Home for Young Students

San Jacinto, Oaxaca

San Jacinto is nearing completion! This home provides a home for young students while they attend school. Completed last summer, and 10 students are now living here. A second dormitory was started in January. We are happy to see that it is nearing completion (to the right of the white building) and will make it possible for another 20 students to live here.



Local women are working hard to get the school finished. The school is more than a 3 mile ride from town. The schoolday is very long because of the distance to be done in town where there are no buses. When we were there, a computer was brought in.



Casa Hogar Esperanza

Bonfil, Q.Roo

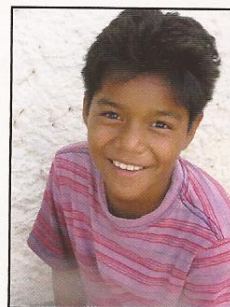


We were eager to visit the Esperanza Children's Home, as it was in the direct path of Hurricane Wilma last fall.

Pastor Ascensio and his wife Esther are the Director's of this Home. They told us how they huddled with 20 children for two days and nights in a small room on the main floor during the hurricane. Wind and rain blew in the doors and windows, put a hole in the

roof so the water poured into their bedrooms, and destroyed their rooftop water and gas tanks and fencing.

All is looking good now, and life is back to normal. They are having some difficulties financially, however, as the local support they had come to depend on from churches, stores and resorts in nearby Cancun, has stopped, as everyone has suffered financially from the hurricane. Caring Action sent extra money that some of our donors had sent, and Pastor and his wife expressed their gratitude for these extra funds.



We were put to work when we arrived at Esperanza. In addition to shopping for needed supplies, we did some sewing for the Home. Pictured here, Susan gets a hug from one of the boys as she sews curtains and sheets for the dorm rooms.



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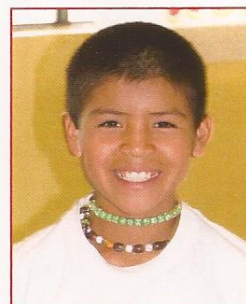
OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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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With Grateful Appreciation

The picture shows the Award of Appreciation given to Architect Benjamin Valdez, pictured left, for 15 years of volunteer service to Caring Action for Children in Mexico. He freely offered professional design and engineering services for the following projects:

1. Dormitory Addition for The Cinco Banderas Student Home for Boys.
2. Complete Construction of The Casa Hogar "Shelter" for single mothers and abandoned young children.
3. Complete Construction of the Almaguer Community Facility.
4. Dormitory Additions for the MANO Student Home for Girls.

Benjamin also provided professional guidance for the preparation of an Indigenous Student Home in Tlaxiaco, Oaxaco.

With his Wife, Gloria Carbajal de Valdez, Benjamin also continues to give time to coordinate our mission projects for children, youth and staff of the above homes.

The Staff and Donors in USA, Norway and Sweden send their appreciation for Gloria and Benjamin Valdez and also the other faithful Mexican Volunteers!

