

# Caring Action



In Mexico

# For Children

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Our 40th year  
in Mexico

## What a contrast between the children living in one of the Caring Action for Children Homes, and the children living on the streets in Mexico!



Three of the Caring Action board members traveled throughout Mexico last February, visiting 6 of our 7 projects. In each location, we were struck with how happy, well-adjusted, and healthy the children were. And we were happy to see that they like being there....they remember what it was like before they came to stay....not enough food to eat, old clothes that did not fit, and sharing a bed with several others. Some children come to us with histories of abuse. See inside for a first-hand account of one of these tragic stories.

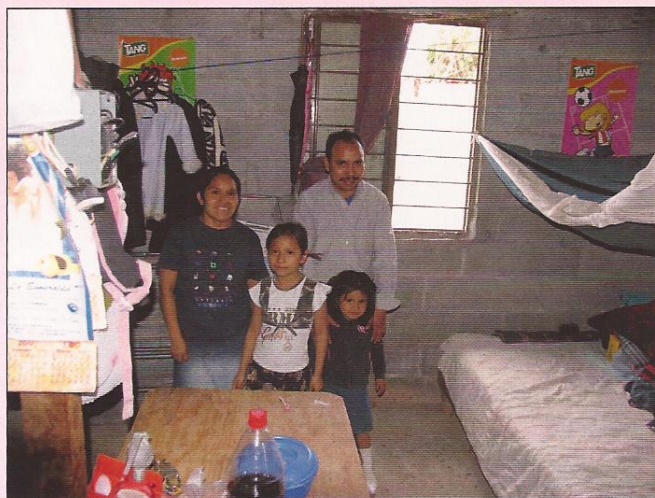
One of the Caring Action projects is a Community Center on the side of a mountain in Monterrey, called Almaguer. The people there have claimed a tiny piece of land and live with no sewer system, (sewage runs down the hilly streets of dirt and gravel). In this Community Center, we provide several meals a week for the children in this mountain community. One of the families agreed to show us their home, and proudly posed. This father built this 14'x14' cement block home himself, and dreams of adding on a bedroom. We help by providing balanced meals for the children, as well as a weekly Sunday School opportunity.

Please rest assured that **100%** of your donated dollars are going directly to Mexico to provide food, shelter, clothing, school fees, and loving houseparents. On this last visit, we were again impressed with the quality of care that is being provided.

Sharing both Christ's love, and YOURS with the children,

Shirley Becker,

President, Caring Action for Children





# From birth through

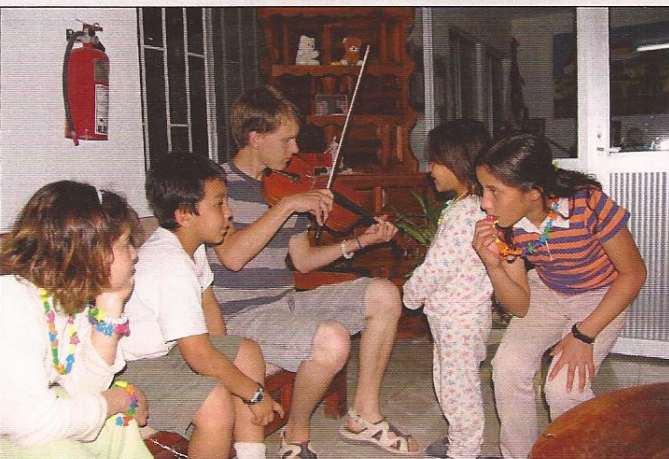


Our commitment is to care for, support, and educate children of all ages from birth through Monterrey, to the elementary school age children at Mama Paulita, La Tlaxiaco, and to the young men and women from Cinco Banderas and Monterrey. Every child is precious to us. Your donations are making the difference, while being cared for in a Christian environment.

## A Report from Mama Pau

My name is Hallvard Bruvoll, I'm a 19 year old student from Norway, and have been serving at the Mamá Paulita home in El Limón for about seven months. I've experienced a lot, and all the impressions from this different world will probably be going through my mind over and over again in the future. It is with mixed feelings that I now witness my last few days here passing by, but I feel that it will be hard to say the final goodbye, knowing that I may not see any of these people again. I've become very good and close friends with some of the kids here at the home, and many have shared with me their unique and incredible stories. Here I'd like to share a couple of them to you.

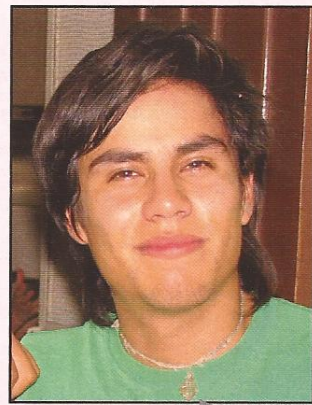
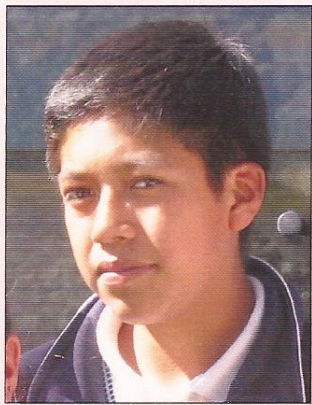
During my stay here several older kids have left the home, while others, mostly small ones, have entered. Two of these new ones are brother-and-sister, 7 and 5 years old. Both of them had difficulty adjusting to the Home; they didn't obey anyone, and misbehaved frequently. Besides that, they always talked about things that small children



like them shouldn't even know about. They were just too familiar with things like pornography and raw violence. This meant that someone had to be looking after them constantly in the beginning, which is quite difficult since the home now has around 40 kids, and only 4 adults who take care of all of the daily matters. Fortunately, after being exposed to the loving routines and disciplines in the Home, the children adjusted. Through my 7 months here, I've seen some children enter the home with violent, swearing and aggressive behavior, and some that are frightened and silent. By receiving the warmth, love and care, and also a lot of guidance as well as learning about Christ and the Bible, they gradually turn become the wonderful persons that they were born to be.



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es....from the smallest toddlers and preschoolers at the Shelter in Familia, and Esperanza, to the Middle School students at HEI in Mano home attending the university and trade schools in Monterference in their lives, as these children get an education and learn a

## lita, in El Limon, Tamps.

About the two kids that I mentioned, we now know that they both were sexually abused before coming here. The Mexican government finally found out about what was going on in their home, the parents are now in jail and the kids will hopefully stay here until they're ready to continue their lives on their own. Here they are in very good hands; the home has a psychiatrist who comes regularly and talks with all of the children. The girl had several small burn marks on her body from before she came here, and showed in many ways that she was willing to do ANYTHING to earn money. We've also noticed that when the girl is outside playing and falls, even from higher altitudes, she never cries, she just takes a deep breath, and makes herself rock hard, as if she has taught herself to disconnect the feeling of pain from her body. The girl now knows that here she has all she needs, the people here give her clothes, food, toys, friends and care, and that she doesn't have any need to be begging for anything. She knows that her body is her own, and that she won't let anyone do her any harm, at any price.

I had never thought before I came here, that seeing a five year old girl playing with her dolls just as a normal five year old girl should be playing, could wake such emotions. I hope that I never will be able to forget this girl, nor her brother or any of the other boys and girls here at the Mamá Paulita, and I'm grateful for every experience that I've had during my stay here. Thank you all for helping these children and letting them grow up in such a good environment, securing them a better education and a worthy life.

...Hallvard Bruvoll, volunteer





## Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

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

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- 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 Homes.

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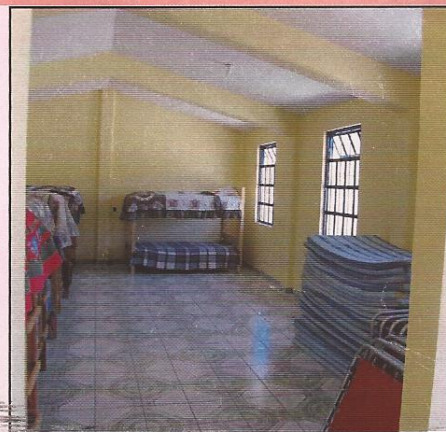
## We Celebrate the completion of our newest Home in Tlaxiaco...

What an inspiration it was, traveling to Mexico with Shirley Becker and Susan Newsom for Caring Action for Children to attend the dedication of a school for indigenous children near Tlaxiaco. This provided the opportunity to see the school that had been in the making for more than five years. Eighteen young people (age 12-16) live in the dormitory at the school under the superintendent,

Jose Moreno Cano, and his wife, Mary Cruz Frias, house parents, who provide a home and guidance for young people while they attend local schools for their education.

The patronato, the board, students and visitors gathered as Bishop Ramirez lead the worship dedication in thanks and praise to God for the school. A van, given by Caring Action, was joyously received by the superintendent, the patronato and the young people.

...shared by Board Member Darlene Hansen



*The new dormitory for boys*