

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

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2007

Our 41st year in
Mexico

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE CHILDREN IN MEXICO !

This summer, Caring Action for Children took the first step towards our dream of building a Learning Center. This Center is planned to serve as a model for other Homes, giving abandoned children more than just the basic food, shelter, clothing and a minimum of public school education. Our goal is to give children what is normally given by parents: help with school homework by volunteer tutors, a home library, music, art and sports activities and a deeper understanding of cultural, religious, financial and social values for their future. Sufficient room for these activities is not available now and potential adult Mexican volunteers are waiting to serve as soon as we help them build this new building.

This dream was started by a Mexican nurse, joined by Caring Action, and now shared by the couple shown on the above picture. As they walk into their sunset years, they decided, on their 60th Wedding Anniversary, to invest some of their abundance with Children in Mexico. They matched the amount authorized this year by Caring Action to start construction.

Gabriel Velasco, our Mexican foreman reports that the foundations of the Activities Hall and steel anchors for the metal structure are well on the way for this first section of the Dream Building. Volunteer US work groups, organized by the Back2Back mission, plus Mexican workers are also pitching in.

We started this project with US\$ 21,000 and pray that you, the donors, will make an investment in the future of the 50 formerly abandoned children at the Shelter in Monterrey, Mexico.

The donor couple above quoted Mother Teresa: "*Few of us can do great things, but all of us can do small things with great Love!*" We depend on your Love to finish this Dream!

Blessings to You from our Maker and His Children in Mexico!
Tor Jansen, your Director



In appreciation of our Mexican Houseparents



It's time to recognize our faithful Houseparents that care for the children and teens in the Home. These dedicated Christians have not been given enough praise in our Newsletters. It is much about the little children. Can you imagine being the substitute parents for up to 50 children? It is hard to imagine, even for those of us who visit once or twice a year.

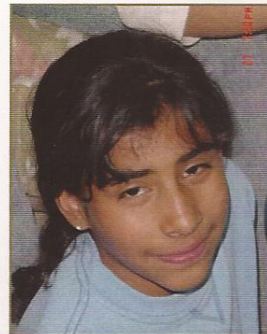
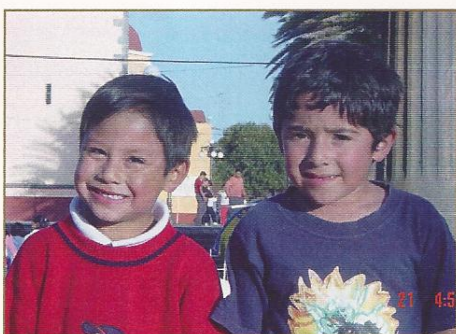
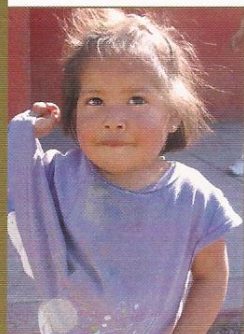
How do you give attention to so many, and treat all equally? You must see that each child gets nutrition, clean clothes for school, homework prepared and medical attention as needed. In addition, the Houseparents must make sure that children do their chores before and after school. Job lists must be made to help supplement the tasks done by the cook and laundry woman. And an important part of the houseparents duties is to make sure each child is taught to love the Lord through daily meditation, prayers and songs. And imagine getting 30-50 children cleaned and dressed up for School every Sunday!

While children are in school, planning for meals must be done and trips made to markets to secure food and supplies. Money is always limited, great skills are needed to negotiate prices with local merchants. Detailed records must be kept. Houseparents must account to the supervising Board for every Peso spent.

Imagine again having 30 to 50 children in several different schools. Conferences with teachers and principals take time. Extra tuition charges, school uniforms, progress reports and so on must be discussed. Week-end and school vacation are challenging for Houseparents because children must have activities to keep them occupied. Sometime relatives visit the children. Those without visitors must then be comforted. Additional stresses come up as children become teenagers. Girls must be closely supervised as their wishes for more freedom to meet outside friends increase. Extra counseling moves to teen student homes must be discussed.

There is not much time or funding for maintenance of facilities. Painting and repair often must wait for volunteers with time and skills. Training of Houseparents is mainly learned on the job. The most important qualification is a "Christian Spirit" and a love of children. The typical daily salary per person for this 24 hour job is less than what a person in the US makes an hour. The Houseparents at the Shelter and Esperanza Homes volunteer their time and only charge salaries for the house. The donations are well spent as none of the Caring Action administrators or board members receive salaries!

Our thankful Hearts and Prayers go to these Houseparents who give so much: Fernando and Ydira, Francisco and Ydilia, Rojas, Ascencio and Esther, Erina Flores, Henry and Karla, Augustin and Iren.



A former student shares her story

My name is Alejandra Mendoza, and to me, being able to speak of Casa MANO, is a synonym of blessing. I was born in the port of Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico. I wished to study my career in Sciences of Communication, but felt it would be too difficult since one of the limitations in my family were the economical resources.



However, when I heard of Casa MANO, I was able to see how God opened doors: the first door opened was when money was provided so I could take a bus to Nuevo León (19 hours away from Acapulco) and take my test in high school; the other door opened was when I passed the admission test.

At the age of sixteen I reached this Christian home, in search for a professional goal, and when I got there, I realized I could learn more than academics. I learned things like: discipline for my life as a woman, cooking, and learning to trust that God will take care of my needs.

There have been many stories and good experiences, as I lived with the other girls in Casa MANO - girls from different parts of Mexico. It has not been an easy road, but after six years, and graduating in 2005, I can now say it was all worth it, thankfully. God helped me reach my goal.

I currently work for a magazine as a reporter, and collaborate in the church which I now belong to. I am starting a new stage in my life, and wish to bless others in the same way I was blessed and apply what I learned in this ministry.

Thank God and every person who has helped support MANO, for they have made it possible that life amongst Mexican girls can change for the better, and at the same time change future families.

May God bless you always.

Alejandra Mendoza

Editor's note:

Alejandra has been so thankful for the support that Caring Action provided for her, that she is now on the Board of Directors that governs Casa MANO and helps the girls that live there whenever she can.

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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.

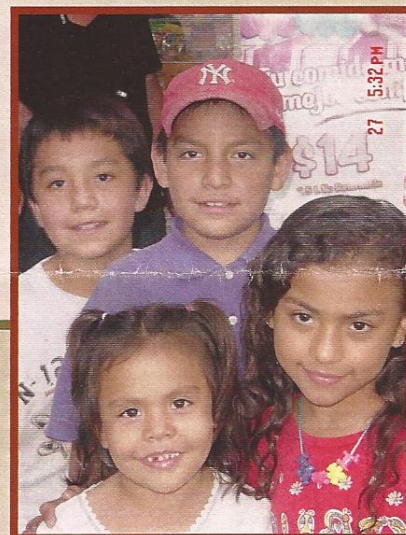
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Budget for summer of 2007 to summer of 2008

This will give you an idea of how we will spend your donations:

Homes for Children: Mama Paulita, La Familia, Shelter and Esperanza	US\$ 27,392
Student Homes for Youth: Cinco Banderas, MANO, Indigenous House	31,728*
Outreach Missions, Students Program, Almaguer Village and Service	3,409
Building of " Learning Center"	21,000
Total	US\$ 83,529

*The total for Student Homes for Youth is the highest because this Indigenous House is a new start-up Home, and in the beginning we pay 100% of the costs to run this Home. The other older Homes have been reduced annually to help them approach independence.

Help us reach this goal of \$83, 529.00. We are grateful to the many friends that send in monthly donations. Your checks make such a difference in the lives of these young people!

