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For Children

In Mexico

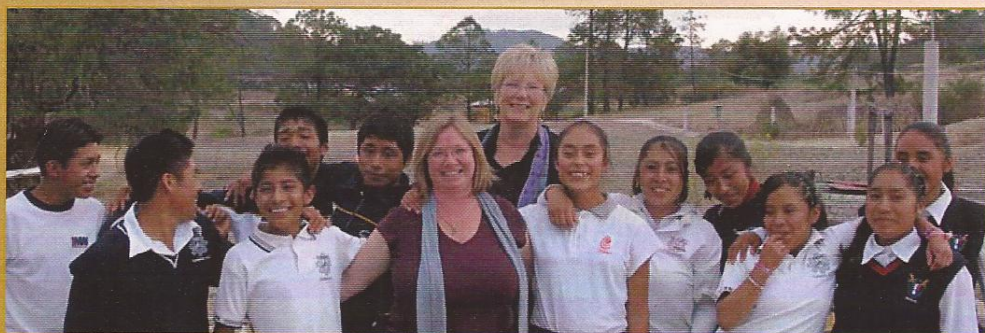
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Our 42nd year
in Mexico

With chaos elsewhere in the world, it was so nice to see the fruits of our labors in Mexico.

This past March, we traveled together on a quick visit to our Children's Homes in the Monterrey area, as well as in central and southern Mexico. It felt good to see the children happy, well fed and clothed, and busy doing homework, taking music lessons, and playing in their yards. Caring Action for Children has quietly built and supported these 7 Homes over the past 42 years, caring for hundreds and hundreds of children that were abandoned or orphaned. These children grow up, get an education, and make a difference in their world. Some even come back and help the Home they grew up in by being on the Board that oversees the program. See inside for a story from one of the young women that lived in the Mano Home in Monterrey, and now serves on the board of directors for the Home, advising and supporting the students that live there. What a great encouragement to the students to visit regularly with someone that walked in their shoes, completed her education, and now has a successful job. When it comes full circle like this, we feel that our labors and our dollars have made a huge difference in these lives.

We appreciate your support especially in the midst of all the other tragedies in the world right now. The stability and Christian love shared with these children and students is seen first hand by us, and witnessed with lots of hugs of thankfulness. We share those with you!



Shirley Becker and Susan Newsom,
President and Vice President of
Caring Action for Children, Inc.

(with the students at our Home for
Indigenous Students in Tlaxiaco,
Oaxaca.)



A former student gives back ... with thankfulness and gratitude

"I lived at MANO's home from 1995-2000, I was 17 years old. I knew a place which is 4 hours from Monterrey. I arrived when the house was still at almost 20 girls... the first time I arrived I felt good and secure; even they prepared for me there.

I have been so BLESSED through this ministry, not just because of the spiritual guidance I received. Sister Cory (the Housemother) was like a mom for the churches or some other places to support and serve other people, so a blessing that God is giving to you, so that you can be a blessing for others. They can see God?..., they can see him through you."

While I had a lot of fears when I arrived at MANO, being there gave me to know he's taking control of everything in my life. I met girls that now are here, working all together, cleaning the house, cooking, singing, special holidays... we all were like a family.

Sister Cory was a Godly woman, a woman of faith and love; no matter what God, and believe me, it wasn't easy to deal with more than 12 girls, they often used to visit the house during the year. Brother Gilberto and I loved very much, so Papa Vick was like my dad. It was hard at the beginning to see what a dad's love is and means. Now all of them have passed away and the lives of all the involved people, to make the MANO home real and a blessing.

This page isn't enough to say thanks and to tell you all the memories we have.

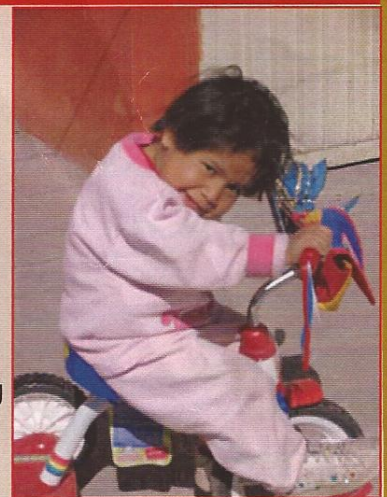


The Shelter

The Shelter in Monterrey continues to grow with ever expanding opportunities for the 40-50 children who call this home. With your donations, Caring Action was able to fund the purchase of materials to complete the first phase of construction of the Learning Center including cinder blocks, windows, and stucco. The labor is being provided by Back-Back Ministries, another mission group working in Mexico. Future plans include the building of a library and an outdoor cooking and picnic area adjacent to the center.



The walls should be completed by now, with doors and windows going in next. A grand opening fiesta is planned for this fall.



As we visited with Martha Rojas, house mother for the Shelter, we were awed by her amazing strength, incredible skills in the management of the home, and her obvious love for these children. When we remarked on these things, she stated, "**It is God working in me because I am tired physically but not in my spirit**".

about MANO from the Pastor of my local church at my town, Galeana, the downtown location, I remember it was a small house and we were the neighborhood wasn't insecure, now I know God had something pre-

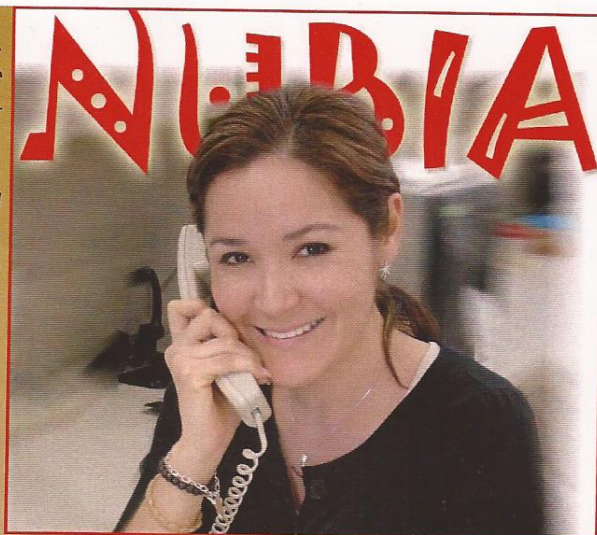
support I received to study, but most important, the spiritual support and for all of us. The most I remember is when we all used to go out to the he would tell us, "once you get out of here you should remember the others. In life there are always needy people that need God, and how

the confidence, the confidence of a God's daughter, the confidence to be like my sisters; I learned about real friendship. We had a lot of experi- ing, having Bible studies, having fun when we celebrated birthdays or

how big the problem/circumstance was; she was always there trusting all with different characters... it was a real love. Also we met other Christians that helped support the house, and Brother Vic, which were called Uncle Gilbert and Papa Vick, gave us love too. I didn't have contact with my dad ng to accept/receive that kind of love, I mean, when you haven't had that, but through his life God showed me and I really miss them, but I thank God for their lives and the opportunity to know them and also I thank God for the blessing to our lives.

had, but I can say: For me this ministry means God's love and care. It's a taste of God's love."

Nubia Selene Jaramillo Sanchez.
EX-MANO student and current board member on the MANO patronato.



La Familia Home for Children

in Serdan, near Puebla, Pue.

After 27 years at the current site, La Familia Home for Children is preparing for a big change. House- parents, Sylvia and Fernando plan to move to a new home with the children this summer. Caring Action will continue to assist with the support of the 35-40 children living in La Familia. We are also excited to see what plans the Methodist Church in Puebla has for the existing site. One possibility that they discussed is to develop the site as a medical clinic to provide services to the people living in and around Serdan. Currently, the people must travel long distances to seek basic health care.

La Familia continues to receive new children through DIF (Mexico's child social services). While visiting the home we met the newest arrivals to La Familia, five siblings (see photo) ages 11 months to 9 years. The children were brought to the home by DIF because their mother was not able to care for them. At La Familia, these children receive the basic necessities of life and education as well as love and support.

It was encouraging to see the relationship that has developed between the home and the local community. Sylvia reported that they are receiving increased support from the community including donations of fresh fruits and vegetables from vendors at the open market.



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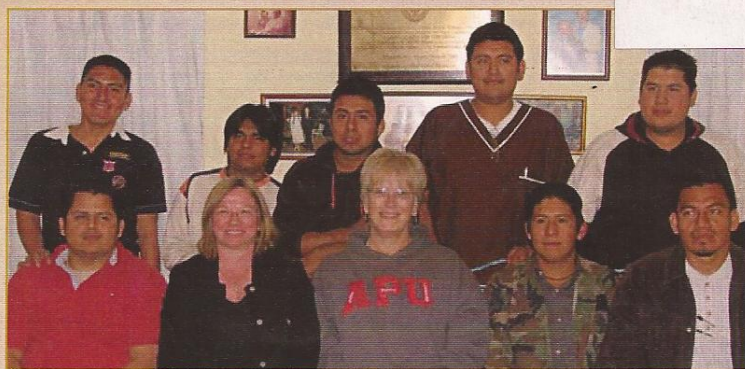
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OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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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Cinco Banderas Home for young men in Monterrey

With twenty young men in their late teens, this Home is bursting at the seams! They are

all attending a high school or university, and studying to become engineers, architects, and even doctors. This Home provides a place for the boys in our other Homes to come stay at when they grow up and want to continue their education. Here they can focus on their studies, and have a safe place to live with other Christian young men. While we visited, the guitars came out and we were serenaded with praise and worship music.

