

# Caring Action



# For Children

In Mexico

April 2009

Our 44th year  
in Mexico

## REVISITING OUR BEGINNINGS

Once in a while, it is good to look back and see how God led us in our Mission to abandoned street children in Mexico. It all started with three public school teachers in California back in 1965, and their Mexican-American students. Stories told by the children were about conditions in their homeland. This motivated the teachers to take a summer trip to see for themselves.

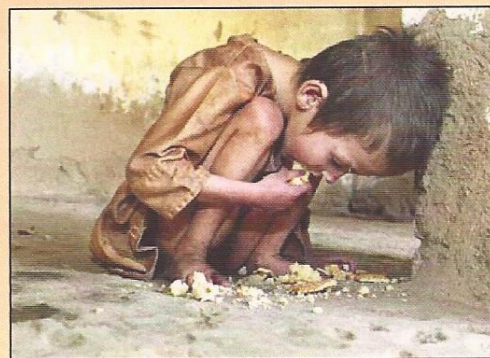
Some years earlier a deaconess of a newly built church in Mexico was asked to take in a fifteen year old girl, abandoned when her mother divorced and remarried. The deaconess let the girl live with her in a shack next to the church. Soon several other abandoned girls arrived and the beginning of a Home was started in 1958. Later, prayers to God for help reached the Los Angeles teachers. A visit to the girls followed. "We must do something for them!" said Trygve Jansen who later became the founding director of Caring Action for Children. The teachers organized parties and collections in Los Angeles and sent help to the girls and their care giver.

Before long, the mission grew and funds for building a nice home sparked interest among other teachers and friends in Norway and Sweden, as well as in the USA. The first Home constructed was the "Mama Paulita" home for both girls and boys.

The original teachers kept on going and praying. Soon a second home, "La Familia," was constructed with a financial grant from Norway. Thirty three years have past and God has provided for five more homes. Our Homes can care for up to 250 formerly abandoned children and youth.

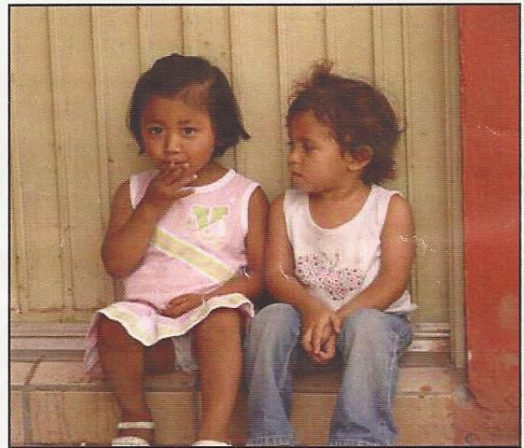
2008 was an amazing year. Our Lord, through you, the Donors in Mexico, USA, Norway and Sweden, helped raise funds to operate seven homes and two Outreach Missions. Churches in the USA supplied gifts, and 13 volunteer workers paid their own expenses to come to Mexico for a week. In addition to that, a large All Purpose Hall was constructed and a large van was donated to help get the 30 children of La Familia to school every day. The accumulated estimated value of our 2008 gifts to Children of God in Mexico was US\$120,000. Thank you all who participated. Keep on praying for the children in 2009! Remember what Jesus said: "What you have done for the least of these, you have done for Me!"

Tor, Your Director





## Let's listen in on two little girls...



*Imagine that this conversation between Sara and Maia (not their real names) took place. It is typical of stories we have heard in Mexico. Tor*

**Maia:** "Isn't it nice to be here in our new home, Casa Hogar? Before, we were roaming the streets, begging for food and never knowing when or where to sleep safely. I like to be here and play with so many nice sisters and brothers."

**Sara:** "Yes, I love my own bed in a safe place where nobody will bother me in the night! I feel so good when the Housemother calls to wake me up in the morning. The bathroom is right here inside too! And I can't believe we get clean clothes every morning!"

**Maia:** "Don't forget the fun we have to make new friends at our preschool. And later, we can go to the Primary School because the Casa Hogar will give us uniforms, shoes a school bag and books! Just like the rich kids!"

**Sara:** "Yes, now everything is different! At Casa Hogar we get plenty of food without begging. I just love my new Mama and Papa who take care of us. They even hug and play with us! Did you come from a family before? Tell me about it!"

**Maia:** "Yes, I had a mother but never met my father. My mother told me he went to a different place to find a job. Sometimes he came back to give my mother money for food, but later he did not come any more. Then Mama had to look for a job. I already had a baby brother and sister. Mama could not look after us when she had a job. So, I stayed all day alone baby sitting and trying to find food for us. One day mother lost her job. She started to visit bars and once when she came home she became really mean to all of us. When police came to our place, I ran away scared. They put my mother, brother and sister in the police car. I never saw them again. Someone found me and brought me to this Casa Hogar. What about you Sara?"

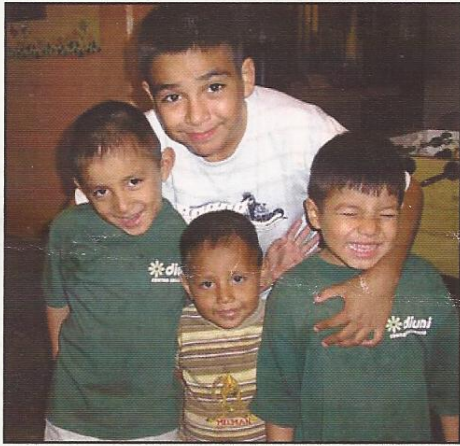
**Sara:** "My mother told me that my father was killed by a someone called the "Matchos." Before that we lived in a nice house because my father had money. He was given a pickup truck and told if he could bring something from Guatemala to the US border he would get money. The "Matchos" did not want him to do that work, so they shot him and threatened to do the same with his family. My mother escaped with me on the bus. She dropped me off at this Casa Hogar and went away. She told me 9000 Mexicans had been killed last year by the drug Matchos! I don't know where my mother is and she has not visited me!"

**Maia:** "I wonder why some people are so good to us here in this home? Our own aunts and uncles just pretend we do not exist and don't even visit!"

**Sara:** "I learned in the New Church, where they bring us, that we have friends from different lands. This friends believe Jesus loves us and that they will love Jesus by loving us. Our friends send money each month so we can live here. Isn't that great!"

**Maia:** "Don't forget our new Mama and Papa who also work for Jesu. They look after us 24 hours a day. We have to learn more about this Jesu so we can have a better future with our children! Oh, I hear the bell! It is time to eat again! Let us not forget to thank God for our Friends from so many different places!"





## A story by four little brothers...

*Imagine again that the story by Jose, Pedro, Mateo and little Ricito (not their real names) is another illustration of abandoned children in Mexico. Tor*

**Jose:** "I will start this story because I am the oldest of my brothers. We like to tell why we came to this Casa Hogar. When I was born we were a happy family. My mother took care of me and the small house when my father went to work as a hired farm worker. They had a new baby boy every year after me. With four boys and several bad farming years, my father could not find work every day and we did not have enough money to live as before. My mother tried to keep up with us and her house chores plus a job to make and sell tacos on the street."

**Pedro:** "I remember those Tacos, they were good. We boys had to stay with Mama all day on the street because it was not safe to be home alone."

**Mateo:** "I remember the fights we had with each other and other boys on the street. Mom had to break us apart while she carried Ricito on her back and trying to serve customers."

**Jose:** "Yes, we were not good to our mother. We just liked to play and not help her much. In the evening we returned home again. Some times thieves had been to our home while we were away. Missing things made our mother very angry. Police did nothing!"

**Pedro:** "I remember when Papa did not have much work. We could find him at the bar where all the unemployed men would go. Any money he had would be spent drinking. Often his friends would carry him home drunk! Mama was angry again!"

**Mateo:** "Mama got so tired that she quit work with her taco stand. She then was away from home all night and slept all day. We boys tried to keep quiet at home and visit families who had a TV. We did not have much food!"

**Jose:** "Our mother found a friend who promised a new future if she would come with him across the border. One night she picked up her things and we never saw her again!"

**Pedro:** "Papa did not know what to do with us boys. Then someone told him about this Casa Hogar where Christians cared for children. He took us all there and the Housemother said we could stay."

**Mateo:** "We all cried because we wanted Papa to stay with us. He told us that he had to go to work and promised to visit us every week!"

**Ricito:** "I want my daddy!"

**Jose:** "Father also made two promises to the Housemother; he would quit drinking and bring some money to the home when he could. So far, he has kept his promises. While here, he says we have changed and he can see we are happy. Even he is starting to believe in God's miracles!

**THANKS TO ALL YOU FRIENDS THAT HELP OUR MANY NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS!"**



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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 the Children's Homes.

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