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
- To assist concerned Mexicans in taking full responsibility for property and operations of the Children's

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Cinco Banderas Home for Older Students in Monterrey, NL.

Due to the recent unrest in this region, we were unable to visit the 3 Homes in Monterrey, and are thankful for the continued dedication of Gloria and Benjamin Valdez and the Patronatos that oversee the Homes. Through their hard work, we are kept informed of the activities of the students and children.

In Cinco Banderas, the students and Mexican Volunteers have manually torn down part of the structure to build new Dorm facilities. The report states that the new first floor rooms are finished. The second floor

awaits new money. Caring Action will advance partial funding in April 2011. At this time there are 12 students residing in existing dorms. Four must sleep outside on the balcony. We pray they stay warm under many blankets until new dorm rooms are constructed.

We will give you more news of the other homes and projects in future Newsletters. Make the best of the remaining Winter. Spring is not far behind! Thanks for your support!







March

Serving children since 1966



To our many friends sharing in our ministry to children in Mexico



We appreciate your donations that have helped build and maintain seven different Homes for Children and Youth in Mexico. Since the beginning of Caring Action for Children, you have helped sustain so many children and youth through your generous support and love. Only God can count them all.

Last year we spent extra funds improving and expanding existing Homes. We hope to continue that process this year in addition to using your donations to defer the costs for food, housing and education. Our donations decreased 29% last year due to the economy and passing of elderly donors. Therefore, we need to reduce our amounts given this year and urge Mexicans to increase their share of operating cost for each Home.

I can't help passing on this quote from Mother Teresa: "God won't force Himself on us. You are filling the world with the love God has given you!"

On our last visit to Mexico, I sat with a child being raised in one of our Homes, and we found a moment of peace and love together. I told myself: "Now is not time to stop giving that which is given to me!"

Have a Blessed New Year! Thanks for my opportunity to serve, Tor, Your Director











News from the Homes

As reported by Tor and May Jansen



Esperanza Home in Bonfil, near Cancun

A volunteer Mission Team with 16 members from Pennsylvania and Indiana spent one week in November at the Esperanza Home to clean, paint, repair and sew. The Houseparents are so busy caring for the children that they do not have time to do many of these maintenance jobs, so they were very grateful for the help. The Team paid for all materials and purchased clothing for the children, and needed supplies for the Home. They also gave the care givers and the Home extra funds for their ministry to the children.

Much attention was given to the 14 children, aged between 2 and 17 years old. One whole Saturday was spent with them on a sea voyage to Isla Mujeres, an island near Cancun. There, the children enjoyed a beach with 80 degrees F. water. The experience of a boat trip was the first time for the youngsters. Later ,an excursion was made around the island, and they all experienced a snorkeling adventure to see the variety of brightly colored fish near a ship wreck. All were exhausted but happy to return in the early evening.

On the final day of their visit, a pre- Christmas Fiesta was celebrated, with presents for all the children. An abundance of blessings were received by children, care givers and all the volunteers.





New La Familia Home in Palmarito, Puebla

We visited the new building for the first time. A total of 42 happy children and the House Parents, Juan and Silvia, greeted us. Two volunteers, alone, with the older girls do the major part of the cooking and laundry work. This Home is now sponsored by the Mexican organization HOGAR DE AMOR. The Director of Hogar de Amor, Roberto Sawyer, was also present to meet us.

The first floor of the Home has been completed and a second floor is under construction. An American team working with us in Cancun agreed to donate \$1000 toward the

second floor - what a welcomed blessing! When finished, this Home will hold

about 100 children and youth. The land was donated by the local community.



The Home is well operated and the children happy and healthy. Much food is donated by the community. The van donated by Caring Action has been well used for transportation, see photo above right.



Home for Indigenous Students (HEI) in Tlaxiaco, Oax.

This Home now has 20 students. Mexican volunteers and students re-painted the Home and are building a perimeter fence. They are growing corn for profit on their land.

The chicken project has started in February 2011 with construction of the hen house. Norway donors and an American have given enough funds to purchase 500 hens and feed. Profits from eggs will help operate this home as Caring Action support may be reduced 10% this year.





