

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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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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Look inside to see the new middle school
built with your Memorial Donations given in
memory of Tor Jansen



Esperanza Home for Children In Bonfil, Yucatan



The Esperanza Home for Children is located in Bonfil, a small town a few miles from Cancun. The town originated as a settlement for workers that were hired to build and work at the many resorts in Cancun. Children were orphaned or abandoned, and Pastor Ascensio and Esther Mancilla felt God leading them to care for these little ones over 20 years ago. They continue to serve God in this Home, with 8 children currently residing at Esperanza. The oldest boy is away at a university studying to become a chef.

Pastor Ascensio and Esther request your prayers as they wait for God to lead new houseparents to care for the children.



Serving Abandoned and Orphaned
Children in Mexico
for 46 years

December 2013

Christmas for the Children



¡ Feliz Navidad - Merry Christmas!

Mexican traditions during Christmas holidays are colorful, as are most festivities in the country. Three of the most important traditions during Christmas are *posadas*, *piñatas*, and *nacimientos*.

Posada means to give shelter or lodging. Mexicans celebrate *posadas* by recreating that memorable night when *María* (Mary) and Joseph searched the inns of Bethlehem for shelter, a place to sleep and receive the baby Jesus. Children may dress up and play the parts of Mary and Joseph and along with a procession of people they go to homes seeking shelter. As the procession walks through the street, they sing. At each home they knock; those inside ask questions and those outside provide answers and ask for help. Finally they are welcomed into a home as guests. At the end of the journey, the festivities continue with singing; a shared meal of *tamales*, *churros*, *chocolate caliente* (hot chocolate) *ponche* (punch) and other Mexican treats; and the breaking of a *piñata*.

Piñatas, also used in other parties, symbolize the devil and the seven capital sins, which are meant to be broken by faith (the stick) and the candies inside, should fall like blessings when defeating evil. The *Piñatas* used at *posadas* are often star-shaped.

Finally, *nacimientos* (births) are the representation of the birth of Jesus Christ, a nativity scene. In México, a barn room may be filled with a miniature town for the figures of the Holy Family complete with running water and moss growing as grass.

What a wondrous season! Caring Action would like to invite you to experience *posadas* this Christmas. We invite you to join us in providing shelter for young children in Mexico. Consider making a donation to Caring Action in the name of those on your Christmas list. We will be happy to send a special gift announcement card.

Thank you to Maria Gloria and Sophia (Monterrey, Mexico) for sharing their Mexican Christmas Traditions with us!

In memory of Tor Jansen...a new school

MAMA PAULITA Home for Children



It was 1958. Two young girls who were living in complete abandonment and suffering abuse came to Mrs. Osuna de Ruiz asking for shelter. She opened up a house next to hers and hired a young lady to look after them.

Soon word spread, and others who were living under the same circumstances, came to her looking for help. That little house wasn't large enough to house all the girls in great need. So she started the project of building two dorms with bathrooms, closet, a kitchen, washing room and storage area.

Groups of street and abandoned children came asking for shelter, but having no room for boys, the male siblings were turned down. This burdened Mrs. Ruiz's heart, so they started a new project, of two more dorms for them as well as an apartment to house a couple to look after all the kids...and Casa Hogar "Mama Paulita" was now completed.

During these early years, the non-profit organization –Caring Action for Children—was started when CA founder Trygve Jansen was traveling in Mexico, met Mrs. Osuna de Ruiz, and decided to ask his colleagues back home in the school he was teaching in, to donate funds.

Having the children go to school was a priority since the beginning. But, the nearest school was half a mile away, making it hard for the youngest ones to make the trip everyday. With the help of many, an elementary school was built onsite the premises. This school is not only open for the Mama Paulita kids, but for all the community children as well. Older children attend middle school and high school in town.

These past few years, Mexico has endured the worst violence and insecurity crisis ever. This is true especially of the Tamaulipas región where the Mama Paulita Home is located. Mama Paulita children attending the local middle school, have been constantly stalked by the different "cartels" and have been invited to work for them, offering them money and drugs as incentives. This highlighted the importance of building a middle school on the premises, to protect their lives and integrity, and shield the children from the risk of being hooked by them.

Through the years, all improvements to the facility at Mama Paulita have been in response to various needs, but always with the same goal in mind: bettering the lives of these children who God has placed under our care. This has been made possible by many generous hearts willing to help, including Caring Action support since the beginning.

Throughout his life, Uncle Tor Jansen has blessed the life of hundreds of children who have passed through Mama Paulita. Caring Action for Children received many donations this spring in memory of Tor. His family decided to use these donations to build a middle school on the grounds of Mama Paulita..the first Home built and supported by Caring Action. Because of Tor's great example of care, love and commitment to help the needy, the new middle school will be dedicated to His loving memory.

A Note from one of the middle school students:

Hello my name is Felipe Jesús García. I am 13 years old and have been at the children's home for four years. When I first came to the home it was very difficult for me to leave behind my past, the street, drugs, my customs, but when I realized that God has a plan for me in the children's home, I left behind thinking that I wanted to escape.

Now thanks to God for always being with me, and I play the drums. He has formed a worship team in the children's home and I am also part of the worship team at church. When I feel frustrated, I only think about where God took me out of and all the good things He has done for me and this makes me do even better.

God has been very good to each one of us, we always see the blessings that He sends us and now thanks to open hearts helping the Children's Home, we now have a middle school in which I receive more attention from the teachers of all the subjects. The truth is I feel very safe in the children's home—I sleep calmly, I feel sure of everything I do, and know that God has been very good to me and with each of us and will continue blessing me.

Thanks to God for my life. Thanks for the people who are taking care of me and my family.

Felipe de Jesús García



The single story elementary school, in 2010



Second story in the process of construction



Almost completed—middle school upstairs, elementary school downstairs

