## 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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## Memorial Donations

The Patronato (Board) for the Mama Paulita Home in Mante built a school for the children to attend right on their property, as the drug gangs are very active on the their road. The young teens that attend Junior High, however, have to walk into town to attend the local school, and are targets for the gang members.

The board members at Mama Paulita have a dream of adding a second story to their school to provide classrooms for the older children to attend, thus keeping them off the dangerous streets. And a roof over their courtyard playyard would provide a place for the children to play and exercise in inclement weather.

Education has been such an important goal of Caring Action since its beginning. The Jansen family has designated that all gifts given in memory of Tor be used to build these additions to the school. Please label your donation as Memorial and it will be set aside for this important purpose.



#### Serving Abandoned and Orphaned Children in Mexico for 46 years

May 2013

### In Memory of Tor Jansen

The Executive Director of Caring Action for Children, Tor Jansen, went to heaven on Thursday, March 7, 2013. He was 82 years old.

Tor was born in Oslo, Norway, the son of the late Rev. Ludvig and Gerda Jansen, and came to America in 1947. He was the loving husband of May Jansen, with whom he had shared 57 years of marriage.

Tor served four years in the US Air Force, received a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and worked for the Naval Air Development Center in Warminster, PA for 28 years where he was awarded patents for his work.

Tor personified faith with action. He was a very active church member. His home was always open to anyone who needed help. Over his lifetime, he and his wife adopted 5 children after having 4 sons, and sponsored several Vietnamese families. He was involved with Caring Action for Children, and became their executive director in 1986. Tor was a wonderful husband, brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

He taught the values of love, faith, learning, and responsibility. He will be greatly missed.

"If you help someone, it helps them for a lifetime, and that is **the best gift of all**. It is a great feeling to meet someone as an adult that you helped as a child. On my last trip to Mexico for Caring Action, I met some grown adults who remembered me from when they were kids. They let me know that what I had done **made a difference** in their lives, and that was my reward. That is what keeps the faith going; that you made a difference in someone else's life, and it **lasts forever**."

-a recent quote from Tor Jansen

Tor made a difference in the lives of hundreds and hundreds of children in Mexico. The children in our Homes all loved "Tio Tor" (Uncle Tor,) and would come running for hugs when he arrived. He made sure that each child was loved and cared for, received an education, and learned about God's love for them.

Our response to that love is to pass it on to others and help those in need as God leads us. If we do that, we know that would make Tor smile. Although Tor will be so very much missed, Caring Action for Children will continue to make a difference in the lives of children in Mexico. Please continue to keep the Caring Action volunteers, and the children and workers in our Homes in your prayers. And please continue to remember Caring Action monthly with your donations. Let's keep Tor's vision alive.

-The Board of Directors for Caring Action for Children

My name is Juana Maria Antopia Reyes. I am 22 years old. I have been at the "Casa Hogar Mama Paulita" approximately 17 years. I remember I was five years old when my sister Sayra and my brother Ausencio and I came to this house that has been a big blessing for me and my siblings. The reason I came to the Casa Hogar was because my mother was sick and then died.

The first few years in the Home were difficult, but I adapted little by little. I did not understand very well my past with my mother but after some years I understood my reality—my mother is not with me because she has passed away.

When I was 12 years old, I was told more about Jesus. I began to have more interest in what I was taught about Jesus Christ and really understand who He is and what He did for me. It was like my eyes were opened and I could see and understand why I was here at the Children's Home. It was because He was taking care of me and had a purpose for my life that started with living and seeing life in a different way.

In the Children's Home I went to preschool, elementary school, middle school, and afterwards I went to CBTis 15 (High School) where I specialized in accounting. After that I went to the University UNIDEP in El Mante, where I wanted to receive a degree in Education.

Since I studied in the University I began to help as a teacher's aide in the school Primaria Gregorio Osuna Hinojosa of Casa Hogar Mama Paulita in 2011-2012. I finished my studies in December of 2012, received my credential in March, and am now teaching 3rd grade at the Casa Hogar school. I am very excited & thankful to God for all He has done for me through this Home and through the people that have helped me in this long walk.

My goal is to continue to collaborate in the school as a teacher and help in the Home in whatever needs occur. I am very thankful for this place and I am deeply rooted in this Home. Another goal of mine is to continue to prepare me in other areas where I can help with the talents God has given me to be in His plan.

Sincerely, Juana

## Mama Paulita Girl Gives Back



# Library Time at the Shelter!



With thanks to the "Christine's Book Club" donations, the new library at the Shelter for Young Children in Monterrey is now stocked with wonderful books! Volunteer teachers from the area designed the new library and purchased books to fill the shelves with these donations. There are books for every age level, from infant and up, and for every subject studied.

These teachers also come in weekly to take small groups of children into the library and work with them on library and study skills. A chart is posted listing the days and hours of the classes, and the groups of children during each time period. The children are taught how to care for books, how to find the information they need, and through story times, they are developing a love of books and reading.

With the child-friendly seating areas, the good lighting, and an outdoor patio area for reading outdoors in good weather, this is an inviting place for these orphaned and abandoned children to use—a relaxing and comfortable place to dive into a good book!

Thank you to the friends of Christine (Wennstrom) Newton for donating to her memorial fund titled "Christine's Book Club." Christine was a long time friend of Caring Action, and had volunteered time in two of our Homes. She had a passion for Christian Education, and bringing books to the children at the Shelter will extend Christine's care to children, education, and her love for Jesus.