

Serving Abandoned and Orphaned Children in Mexico

Since 1966

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How it all began... A Short History of Caring Action

We are currently in our 53rd year of helping God's children in Mexico. It is amazing to see God's hand at work in all the homes that we support as well as the number of people that have answered the call to serve in various ways so that the children have a loving and safe place to live and learn. What is truly humbling is that Caring Action exists today because of the vision and faith of people who saw a need and felt God call them to take action. Therefore, it's important that our donors and supporters know the history of Caring Action. What follows is a summary of an article that was included in a newsletter from 1987.

Supervising teacher Trygve D. Jansen was born in Bergen, Norway. When he arrived in Los Angeles, he studied at UCLA where he received a Bachelor's degree and Master's Degree. He became a teacher in the Los Angeles school system. At the school where he taught, there were many children of Mexican descent. Many of these children came from families who were very poor. Trygve felt the need to help them. In 1966, it came to his attention that a home for girls in Mexico needed help. One of Trygve's colleagues, who spoke Spanish, investigated the situation and found out that the founder of the home was on the brink of giving up. It was then that several teachers at the school where Trygve taught plus some other interested people got together and formed the corporation "Layman ACTION for Children, Inc." so they could solicit funds legally to help the needy children. Due to Trygve's experience, he became the first director of the corporation.



Trygve Jansen visiting the Mama
Paulita Home 1976

In the beginning, it was mostly the teachers at the school that contributed. Later, brochures and newsletters were printed and distributed to friends, relatives, and neighbors. In 1967, friends and relatives in Norway were contacted and told about the need in Mexico. In 1990, the name was changed to "Caring Action for Children, Inc."



"It is our belief that these needs must be met at all levels in a child's life – we must relate to the total being: the physical, the mental, the spiritual. When put into ACTION, this means providing food, shelter, and clothing to meet the children's physical needs; providing educational opportunities to enrich and enhance the mental capacities of the children; and providing the opportunity for worship thus encouraging spiritual growth."

- Taken from the original Layman ACTION for Children, Inc. mission statement.

Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

A non-profit interdenominational organization dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for the under-privileged children in their country

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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A Thank You from one of the Students at Cinco Banderas Home for Young Students



Hello! My name is Hebert and I'm 23 years old. I am an engineering student. I want to thank you for all the things you do for us, and the opportunity to be here at Casa Banderas. When I finish at the university I want to make a business to make many jobs for many people here in Mexico. And I also want to be a person that represents Jesus Christ in all things that I do and wait for the return of the Lord Jesus.

With all this I say thank you, and thank you Lord for this change in my life.

Needs for Cinco Banderas Home

The Cinco Banderas Home provides a safe place for young men to live for young men while they attend one of the universities. During our last visit, we observed several needs for this Home.

- All the rooms in the Home badly need to be painted. There was roof damage last year and water seeped into the walls.
- Closet doors—the personal belongings of the students are stacked on shelves and open for all to see.
 We would like to provide funds to add doors to the closets.

If you feel led to help make this Home a place more conducive to studying, please indicate on your donation the word "CINCO BANDERAS." Thank you!





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