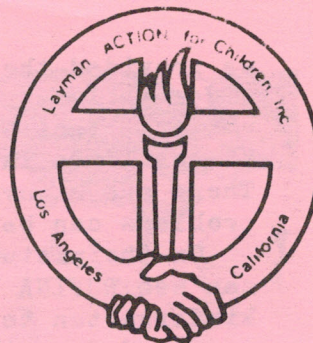


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Dear Friend,

The summer is gone and we are far into the fall season. The time seems to slip away so rapidly, and we find that so many things we would like to have done are unfinished.....

Such is the case also in the work with the many unfortunate children in Mexico. There are numerous tasks that need to be undertaken. However, we do not have the means, the staff, the strength, or the possibility to overcome and solve all the problems that we encounter.

We are glad, however, that we can inform you that many things have been accomplished recently. Our director tells us that his deputation work in Norway last summer was not in vain. Many people there have become interested in the work we do in Mexico. He also visited Mexico to discuss plans for future work there. We are hoping to organize our work there with a national (Mexican) director to conduct and execute the plans developed by the Mexican board. He had the opportunity to participate in the interviews with several prospects. In this newsletter he reports on some of the accomplishments and future plans.

To be able to maintain and develop this work we need your continued support. Take a look in your check book and see when you last sent in a contribution to help these children. PLEASE, DO NOT ABANDON TESE CHILDREN! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN!

With great hope we sincerely greet you,  
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KINDERGARTEN. - - It is a great joy for us to report on some of the recent accomplishments. We have frequently mentioned in our newsletters that we would start with a kindergarten. The first we want to tell is that the old building has been repaired, the furniture is in place and the class started October 1. 30 children are enrolled. On the picture to the right you see some of the mothers registering their children. Some of the mothers were worried because they did not have good enough clothing for their children to attend kindergarten. Therefore





we provided the material and the older girls at the home made 40 uniforms that are to be used by the children in the kindergarten. There are always problems, but the problems can be solved.

On the picture to the right you can see RUFINA VELASQUEZ who is the kindergarten teacher. Here she is surrounded by three little girls from our home who now are her pupils. Rufina was the same age as these girls when she came to the home "Mama Paulita". She received love, attention, a home, food and clothing. As she grew up it was evident that she was an intelligent



girl. She went on to secondary school - then to teachers' college, and as you see, she is now the teacher of our kindergarten. a product of YOUR and our devoted efforts, charity, love and concern. We are so thankful for this result. AREN'T YOU! Let's continue to help her now in her new responsibilities. We are paying her salary.

#### A NEW ENTERPRISE - SHORT-TIME ASSISTENT.



In lack of a better expression we have used the term "short-time assistent." By that we mean people who go to Mexico help out in our work - assisting the matron, helping the children, teaching etc. It may be over a period of three months, half a year or a year.

This Fall we have a young lady - a psychology student from the University of Bergen, Norway. She came to the U.S.A. (paying her own way) and heard about the opportunity to go and help out at the home in Mexico. She "grabbed" it with both hands. She will be there for three months and assist the matron, and help the children with the various tasks at the home. She will also teach an art and craft course as well as an English course to the children in the home and youngsters in the community. She has already fallen in love with the children and they with her. In the beginning she was a little worried that she didn't have too much to do. Now she writes to us that there are a thousand things to do, and there is so much need for help. The matron is telling her that she must be there for a year.



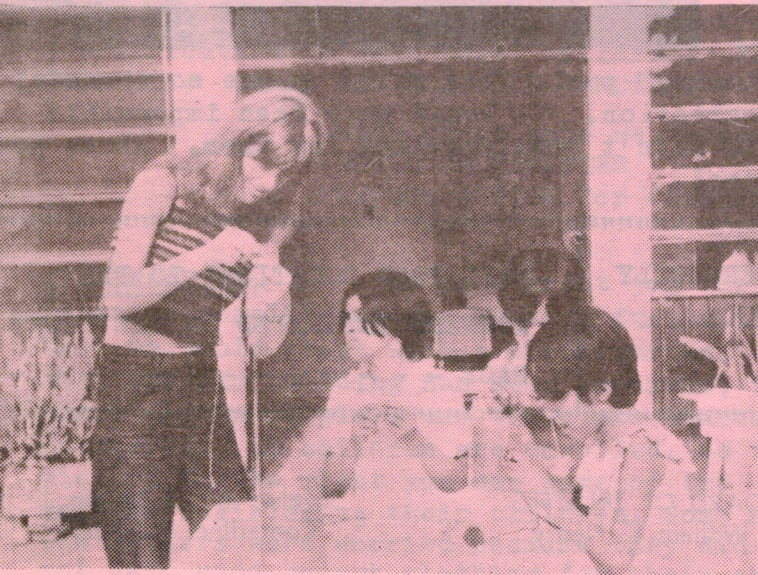
New children are admitted to the home. Last month three new girls arrived, - Sonja (10 yr.), and two sisters (5 and 7 yr.). A few minutes after arrival one of the sisters came over to ANNE KARIN (the Norwegian girl), sat in her lap, looked into her eyes and said,

"Your eyes look like water. Do you wash them often?"

Will you be my mama, and my sister's mama?" The mother who just had brought the girls was sitting there with tears in her eyes. The girls' father had left the family, and the mother was unable to take care of them. What heart ache!

We give the short-time assistant a small allowance monthly. If you want to help her with this you are welcome.

As there is a great need of this kind of assistance we like to encourage people to think about this. Here is room for people who want to do something worthwhile. Are you a student, a businessman, a skilled worker, retired person etc. who have the will, the heart, the talent, and the love to do something for others. Are you willing to sacrifice? Are you willing to pay your own way? Are you willing to give of your own time? ONLY YOU CAN ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS. Anne Karin did, and we are sure she is so much richer for sharing part of her life with these children.



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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN  
THE PROGRAM WE HAVE MENTIONED ABOVE, AND LIKE  
TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT  
IT, LET'S HEAR FROM YOU.

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The pictures on this page shows Anne Karin and the children busy with their crafts, - some knitting others doing macramé.





MUSIC - - For a long period of time we have been contemplating and hoping that we could start a music program for the children at the home. We have now been able to get a music teacher who instruct the girls in piano lessons. Later he will teach them guitar lessons and organize smaller singing groups. ALFREDO RUIZ is a fine

young Mexican who is very active within youth organizations. He is very interested to get the young people involved with music and singing. We like to have him join our work as a fulltime worker. But then we need the means to pay his salary. LET'S DO SOMETHING FOR THESE CHILDREN SO THEY MAY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN AND ENJOY GOOD MUSIC. The picture above shows Alfredo Ruiz (right) discussing future plans with T. Jansen.

WADING - "SWIMMING" - POOL

The location of the home "Mama Paulita" is on the east coast of Mexico in the lowland. During the summer it is tropical heat. When T. Jansen, and his daughter, Susan, was there in August it was 120 degrees. They were suffering. It is extremely hot for the children there also - even though they don't feel it as severely. From gifts and donations that have come in we were able to



build a wading - or small "swimming" pool. The children are so thankful that they have this kind of recreation. It would have been impossible for them to have a swim if this hadn't been provided for them. Above you see some of the girls in the pool.

BETTER TO DO SOMETHING IMPERFECTLY  
THAN TO DO NOTHING AT ALL - - - -

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