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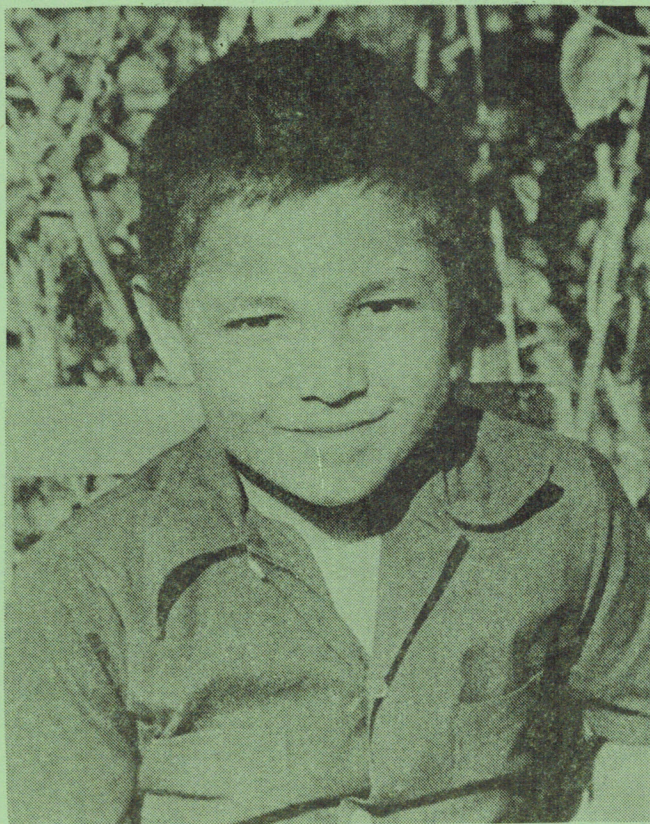
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WHO IS THIS BOY ?

I am NATHANAEL, - one of the boys living at the home "Casa Hogar MAMA PAULITA" in Mexico.

My mother passed away when I was one year old. This was when my sister BLANCA RUTH was born. We were five children when my mother died. My father left us and my old grandmother took care of us together with an unmarried uncle. Later he got married and an aunt came to help us. She was a seamstress and visits various homes to sew. In this way she was able to support us. My family lives in a little village called



San Rafael de los Castro. My family is a fine Christian family in spite of the suffering and need we have. There is a little prayer house where we attend services.

I was in a terrible accident. My grandmother washed clothes and boiled the clothes over open fire. I fell into the open fire and one of my legs was severely burned. I was in the hospital for six months. They were able to save my leg, but I have an ugly scar. I walk normally now.

This accident is the reason why I am only in second grade. The other children are helping me with my school work, and they tell me that I am an intelligent boy.

On the photo to the right you can see my sister BLANCA ORALIA. She is the one that was born when my mother died. When she was registered, after being admitted to MAMA PAULITA, she asked to be called Blanca Oralia because our mother's name was Oralia.

An older sister, Irma, was first admitted to this home. It became impossible for my grandmother to take care of us. We were lucky to be admitted to this home, and we are happy that there are three of us who can stay together here at Mama Paulita.

THANK YOU to each one of you who makes it possible for us to stay here. Every time you give a donation think of us. We love you and appreciate your kind consideration.



With love,
NATHANAEL



In the photo to the left are some of the older girls at Mama Paulita. They are attending junior high school.

The uniforms have different colors for each year. First year has pink, the second year has blue, and the third year has dark red.



A NEW PROGRAM

Some of the children are growing up to be teen-agers. Several of the children from previous years have become teachers and nurses. We now have several girls who need to attend secondary schools. These schools are not near our homes. The children have to move to other cities where the schools are located.

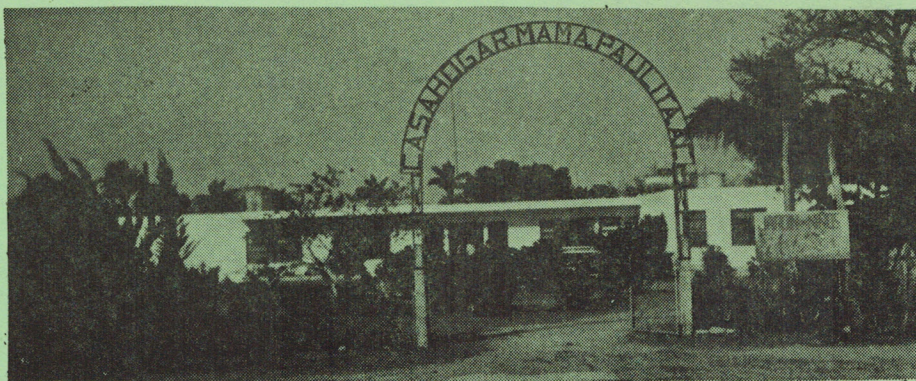
Some of the girls were concerned about this. They were wondering if they would be helped financially to continue their education. We have decided to help them.

They will be moving to Monterrey, Mexico, and we will place them into private homes of people who are willing to take them in. We hope to give them financial support the time they are pursuing their education and goals in life.

The first group going consists of four girls. In the photo to the right you can see them with Trygve D. Jansen in the center.

We anticipate that many people will support this program.





THE FIRST BUILDING

In 1971 our first building was dedicated. It was a great day for the girls to move from the old delapidated house into the large, beautiful building shown in the photo above. There was great excitement and thanks to God. But this was for the girls - - -

- - - then we started to admit boys. They had to sleep in the old building where the girls had been living for so many years. We had to get a new building for the boys - - -

THE SECOND BUILDING

During Easter 1977 the new building for the boys was dedicated. It was a great day for the boys moving into their new home. The photo below shows the boys' home.

We now have 50 children all together in the two buildings at MAMA PAULITA. It has become crowded in the girls' quarters. We have therefore started our third building project. We have to add a new wing to the girls' home. This will be a new dormitory.



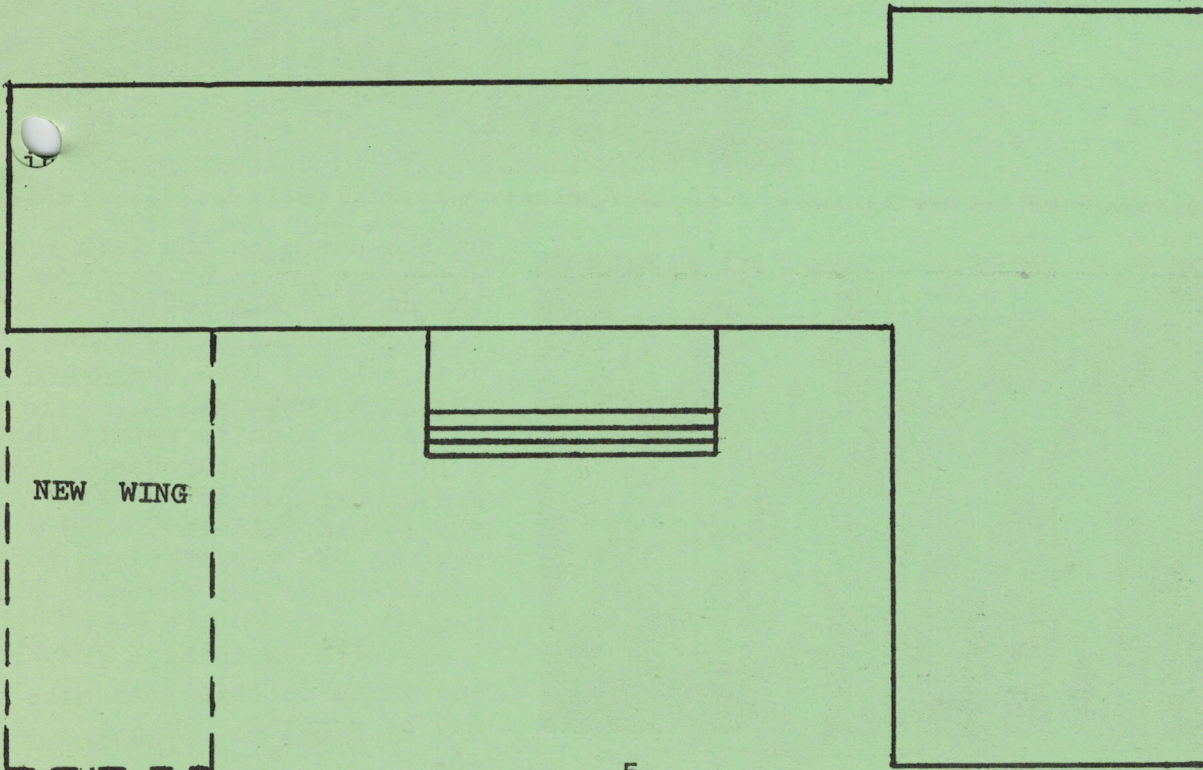


MOST OF THE CHILDREN AT THE HOME "MAMA PAULITA"

THE THIRD BUILDING PROJECT

The third building project is the new wing to be added to the girls' home. It will be a dormitory as some of the girls at the present are sleeping two in one bed. The wing is already up (as witnessed by Trygve Jansen on his recent visit to Mexico). They are now working on the interior. They are also completing the library section and some new closets. All this will cost approximately \$25,000.-

We are expecting to have the building project finished by this summer.



Zona de Desastre fue

The headline in one of Tijuana's newspaper tells how serious the flood was:

THE WHOLE STATE DECLARED
DISASTER AREA

Declarado el Estado

EL MEXICANO

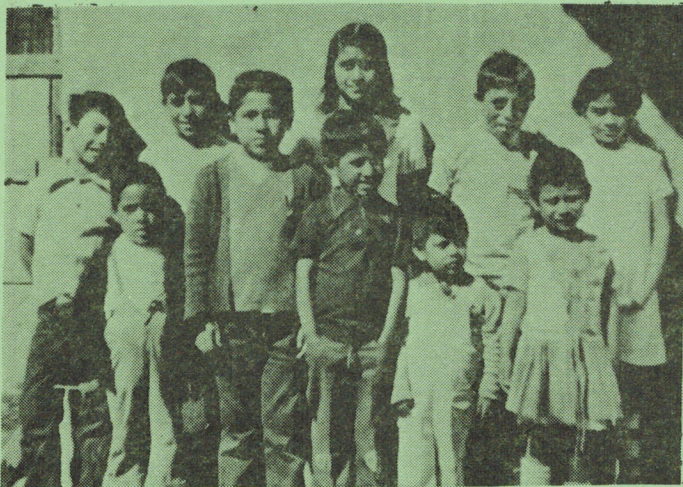
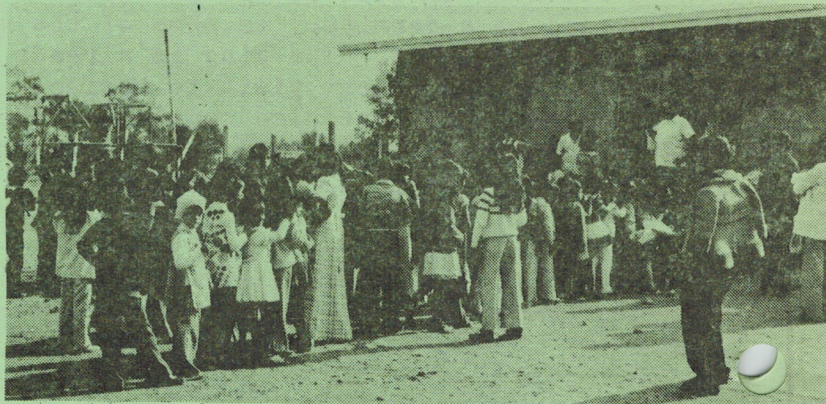
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Sección A

Director y Gerente General
ROGELIO FORTES GON

Here you can see the people standing in line for food. Distributed by LUTHERAN BAJA CALIFORNIA MISSION.



On the photo to the left you can see a group of children at the home "MARIA LOUISA" in the city of Serdan. They have been evicted from the house they are renting.

We are glad to report that a lot has been purchased for a new building to be built. The lot is paid for. NOW we have to get together and work for finances for the new building.

Be with us in hope, prayers and gifts so this goal also may be reached.



Ellen and Torgils RYGH from Stavanger, Norway were visiting Los Angeles for several months. They came to visit their son and daughter-in-law who expected a baby. This couple, Mr. & Mrs. Rygh are distributing our literature in Norway, and they are doing a tremendous job. During their stay here they were able to take the trip to the homes in Mexico. Here is a greeting from them:

Dear friends of Layman
ACTION,

Ellen & Torgils Rygh giving gifts to the children at the home MAMA PAULITA in El Limon, Mexico

We had a wonderful

trip to the two orphanages in Mexico. It was so interesting to see what has been done for the children. They were so happy and well-mannered. However, there is a lot left to do.

When we arrived at Mama Paulita there was an incident that impressed us greatly. As we stepped out of the car we were surrounded by the children and they welcomed us with their big and happy smiles. The big crowd almost pushed us through the entrance door. Inside the door we witnessed a sad situation that we'll never forget. A young woman about 22 years old there with a little baby in her arms, with three other children hanging on to her skirt. They looked so miserable. The mother had come to try to get the two older boys admitted to the home because her husband had left them. She was unable to support her children. They were not admitted right away. They were given some food and she left the home with the children still hanging on to her skirt. This is only one of the many incidents that happens in Mexico. It was so sad. Many places this kind of need is evident.

In the photo to the right the Ryghs are standing with some of the children and the directors at the home "MARIA LOUISA" in the city of Serdan, Puebla in Mexico



Letter from Ryghs continued. . .

In recent months thousands of children became homeless because of the floods in Tijuana.

We have everything we need in Norway and the U.S.A. What has been done at these homes in Mexico has been accomplished because so many of you, dear friends, have shown an interest and given evidence that you care for these children.

It was quite an experience to meet the many children at the homes in Mexico. We loved every minute of it. LET'S CONTINUE TO HELP THEM.

With friendly greetings,

Ellen and Torgils Rygh

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WORK IN TIJUANA

In the photo to the left you can see the distribution of food to the many flood victims in Tijuana.

They look well-dressed. The reason for that is that the mission has given them clothing.

We are cooperating with the Lutheran Baja California Mission in their projects in Tijuana and Mexicali.

Thousands of families had to be relocated because of the flood.



VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Hundreds of children and young people in Tijuana and Mexicali receive their education through this mission. Otherwise they may not get any education.

In the photo to the right are some young people practicing typewriting. They work for a skill to get a job and support themselves.

