

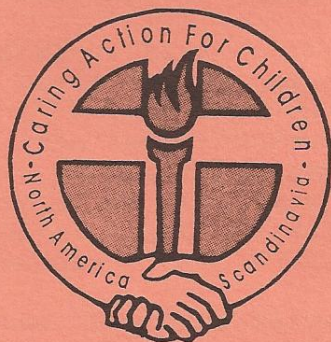
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The children in Mexico
THANK YOU!!!



Dear Supporters of Children in Mexico,

In the last letter I described my anticipated summer visit to Mexico. Well, I completed the trip with just a few changes and now I am back at home with many memories of the love expressed by our Mexican friends. Perhaps you can see some of that love in the smiles of the above picture. Those smiles are intended for you who make it possible with your donations.

On this visit I met a gracious young American lady, Lisa Beauvois, who had volunteered to donate her college vacation to serve the children of the Mama Paulita Home. In this letter, we will like you to read her report on impressions and experiences. I observed that she not only related to the children, but also was great comfort to the director, Sra. Celia Hernandez who at 83 can not move about as she used to. Lisa was her driver and companion on the many errands to obtain food and medical care for the children. Thank you Lisa!

We are moving forward with building plans for the Esperanza Children's Home near Cancun and the Baby Home in Monterrey. The foundation for Esperanza is being constructed by Mexicans this summer and a USA work team is ready to start the walls in November. The Baby Home design is now waiting for official building approval for a partial funding grant from Sweden. The Mano Student Home for young ladies have expanded to 12 and is renting a second apartment. The Cinco Banderas Student home for young men now is filled with 21. Jovito and Jorge, our first two boys to graduate from their three year technical training, have been offered good jobs. They send their thanks to you for making their career possible.

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As a non-profit, interdenomational organization, it is our goal to respond to the needs of the underprivileged children of the world. 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.

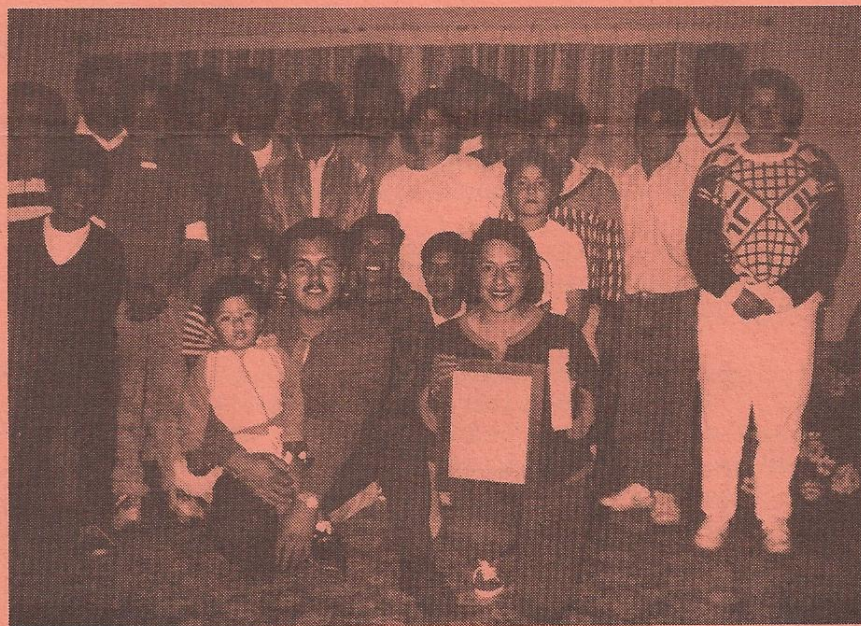
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I also had the honor to present your appreciation to the houseparents of the La Familia Children's Home and the Cinco Banderas Student's Home. Lourdes Garcia Rojo and Dora and Esteban Valdes have served our children and youth for more than 15 years. They received a plaque, and for the ladies a gold bracelet, with many hearts, as a symbol of our thanks for their loving dedication. Thanks again Lourdes, Dora, and Esteban!

Your continued prayers and financial support is really appreciated. I wish you could visit and see how well your contributions are spent. Thanks from all of us in USA and Mexico who have the opportunity to minister to the disadvantaged children. Just now I am looking at a picture of a lovely sunset given to me by one of the students. It has an inscription in Spanish from John 8-12. It brings back the memory of joy I felt when that student expressed a "new light" in her life due to our presence in Mexico! "Thanks be to God!"

Tor Jansen, Director of Caring Action.

Lourdes (on the left bottom photo) and Dora and Esteban (on the right bottom photo) with their recognition plaques for more than 15 years of service.



The following are excerpts from Lisa Beauvois' letter:

As a visitor at La Casa Hogar Mama Paulita, I have spent six weeks with the staff and children and would like to give my impressions of my time here.

I knew from the day I arrived that this was a special place. At my first meal with the children, after the Christian grace songs (which I learned were sung before every meals with fervor) and the prayer had been pronounced by 8 year old Luis Arturo, Senora Celia introduced me as a friend who had come to learn Spanish. After lunch, I was flooded with questions, only a few of which I understood, asked by happy smiling faces. I was spared by Margarita, the resident chef, and to many of the children a second mother, who's appearance alone scattered the children to do their afternoon chores.

Today, I learned, was a special day for some of the children as we were going to town to buy shoes. The girls put on nice dresses and the boys combed their hair and washed their hands. We piled into the minivan with Juan, the chauffer and handyman, at the wheel.

At the shoe store, our group took up all the chairs and the salesman looked only moderately shocked, as almost everyone in El Mante seems to know Senora Celia. I was impressed with the children's behavior, as each one sat quietly waiting their turn. After they had selected shoes, they returned to a seat to wait for the others to finish.

We arrived back at the home to the sight of other children watering the garden and sweeping the porch.

Ana, the secretary and occasional supervisor of the girls, was watching over them, joking good naturedly with little Teresa who was carrying a full pail of water way too heavy for her. Don Miguel, Margarita's husband, had a group of boys mowing the lawn and harvesting the corn, keeping the grounds looking in order.

Inside, Lourdes, Margarita's daughter, was mending and sorting the children's clothes for the summer camp they would be attending in a few weeks. Everyone was so busy that I got tired just watching.

At supper, I learned a bit about the food that the children eat. Although Margarita keeps everything in order and helps the girls out at the beginning of the month, the chores change every month and often there are boys working along side the girls in the kitchen and children basically prepare every meal on their own. This means getting up early for the young cooks on weekdays when breakfast must be prepared by 6:30 A.M., and lunch started before going off to school at 7:30 A.M. The children have a large glass of milk everyday, at least once a day, in addition to meat twice a week supplemented with soya beans and ham, providing plenty of protein. Fresh vegetables are served daily, along with rice or pasta and lot of corn tortillas. The noonday meals always finishes with dessert, and luckily for me, it was mango season during my visit. The children are all healthy, reflecting their nutritious diet and the regular dental and medical check ups from doctors of the Mexican Social Security Hospital.

That evening, after supper and baths, the children gathered around me to look at the books I had brought them. The girls listened in wonder to The Capricious Princess (La Princesa Caprichosa) and the boys were delighted by the scary story of the wolves who lived in the volcanoes of El Salvador. After the stories, I told them where I was from and about myself. The children asked how to say this and that in English, and giggled at my accent and pronunciation, so different from theirs. I finally said "Good Night", and got a good laugh from a little boy who understood "see you tommorrow" as "Sin Tomates".

As the days went by, I got to know many of the children quite well. I learned alot of Spanish and they a little English from the songs I sung and the stories I told. I learned to communicate through my hands and facial expressions, which the children loved and laughed at. I learned to sew, sing the grace songs, and even understand the pastor at the little church beside the technical school (which was built adjacent to the home, and houses, the preschool, kindergarten, and the first and second grades). I went to Sunday school with the older children, and attended the secondary school graduation cermonies. This year, two boys from here graduated and will go to a "sister" home in Monterrey for high school aged boys. It will be sad for everyone here to see them leave, especially since Eduardo (Lalo) has been here since he was 20 months old, and Cristobal since he was 8 years old.

I also attended summer camp with the children (26 of them between the ages of 8 and 12 years) at the beginning of July, and was pleased to see how well the children of La Casa Hogar integrated with the other campers. This Presbyterian camp centered around teaching orphaned children about the work of God, is a great opportunity that the children look forward to every year.

At the end of the week of camp, we were all sad to leave, but I know that the children feel fortunate to return to their "family" at their home in El Limon. What happy wonderful children I thought to myself as the children excitedly recounted their adventures to Margarita, Ana, and Senora Celia who were waiting for them at the front door. I have thoughouly enjoyed my six weeks here and hope to return soon. I am so grateful to all the sponsors who have helped keep this place running, and wish you could all come down for yourselves to see what a fantastic place this is. Thank you and may God bless you.
... Lisa M.J. Beauvois

Dear Friends and Supporters of Caring Action for Children:

I have been reflecting on the records of Caring Action for the 20 years that I have been associated with it. It was my privilege to have known and served with board members, the founding executive director and a number of original founders.

Over the years, Caring Action has been involved in many projects and has seen it's work grow as we were able to take advantage of opportunities to help children in Mexico.

I would personally like to thank all of those individuals who volunteered their time or their money in order to support the work of Caring Action in Mexico.

The joy, smiles, and genuine appreciation of the children is difficult to express in words by those who have had the chance to visit them in Mexico.

Whether it is by your time or your money, I thank everyone who has helped in anyway.

Caring Action - carry on the vision and program in Mexico.

From the words of our president, Bill Smith