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Dear Friends of children and youth in Mexico:

Remember the story about the baby that was abandoned by his mother at the La Familia Home a year ago? The picture above came from Mexico with a Christmas greeting. Our home director, Lourdes, with her husband David Aguilar adopted him as their own son and gave him the name Samuel Aguilar. On my last visit I could see that this unwanted child was the "most wanted treasure" with his 28 brothers and sisters. All strived to hold him and play with him. Can there be such a thing as too much love? I don't think so but Sammy is sure getting his share.

In Mexico many others, like Sammy, cannot be cared for by mothers with too many children and no help from husband or society. On my November visit to the home, I met four new children who had been accepted since I visited in May. Here are their stories:

David's father lost his legs in an accident. The mother now sells hot snacks in the street to support the father and 4 other children. They hope David can stay at La Familia, go to school and then help the family in the future.

Chuy is one of three children. Her father, a policeman, was killed during a robbery. The family received no compensation. Her grandmother could not take care of Chuy any more. Her mother had left some time ago to live in Mexico city.

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As a non-profit, interdenominational 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.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE.

Miguel is the oldest of five. His alcoholic father abandoned the family. Miguel's mother hopes he can get an education at La Familia to help her later with income.

Moises is one of four who was abandoned by both parents. He existed with help from aunts, uncles, and friends on the street. A teacher found him in Mexico City and brought him to the home.

The 91 persons in our homes are your children. You have taken the voluntary responsibility to give them the security of a Christian home, an education to make their future bright and the spiritual assurance that the same LORD that is in your life can also be in the children's lives. You have been so caring for the children of Mexico these 26 years. Perhaps the Bible in Proverbs 3:5-6 explains why: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

We have been trusting the Lord that you would acknowledge Him by providing for the children. At this time we have room in our homes to help additional children and youth but only the funds are holding us back.

All our mission work in USA, Norway and Sweden is done without pay. In past years, less than 7% received was needed for expenses. The total cost per child per month averages \$75. Together we can make a difference in the lives of future Mexican adults! Hope to hear from you soon!

My the Lord continue to bless you in this New Year!
Your director, Tor

**CASA HOGAR
"MAMA PAULITA"**

On May 20th, 1991, Casa Hogar Mama Paulita received an award from the Universidad del Valle de Bravo in recognition of its service to the community.

(the Vice-Chancellor of the university presents award to Mrs. Hernandez. The local mayor stands to the far right with his wife. Maria Cristina de Gonzales, the treasurer of Mama Paulita, is to the left of Hernandez.)





(The children of Mama Paulita are dressed up in their school uniforms for the ceremony. The girls put petticoats on to make their skirts stand out.)

The award, a block of crystal inscribed with the name and date of the award and the institution granting it, was presented to Mrs. Celia Hernandez, manager of the Home, by the Vice-Chancellor of the University. The simple ceremony took place at the Home itself and was attended by the local mayor and several long-time friends and helpers of the Home, as well as by the children and staff.

Over the years, the Home, originally begun by a single woman's efforts and concern for needy children, has become a well-known and respected part of the Ciudad Mante community. People of all persuasions and organizations contribute their products, time, or know-how for the welfare of the children. The award may be considered a more formal recognition of the Home's place in the community.

LA FAMILIA CHILDREN'S HOME in Serdan

With the new year, a new Mexican local support group will help us with the administration of the home. We have been praying for this for a long time because Lourdes, the Director and her husband David need help with the 29 children. The volunteer group, called Patronato, has promised to help with food purchases and the many social and spiritual services needed for such a large family. The Patronato, which is under Iglesia Metodista Mexico will also take over responsibility for the property.

The children and houseparents are doing well. The four new children have been enrolled in schools. They were outfitted with the required uniforms and received the books and school supplies needed. Although the children attend public schools, we have to pay many extra expenses to keep them there.

ESPERANZA Children's Home in Bonfil

The construction of this home is very slow. It is being done by volunteer Mexican Christians in the Cancun area. We are contributing \$100 every month for building materials. Luis, our area coordinator, and Tor are trying to organize other Christian groups to help. A volunteer USA work party for November 1992 is one idea. Do you know of any organizations which would be interested in providing a building grant for this home?

BABY and MOTHER CARE, Home and Clinic, Monterrey

Representatives of a Mexican Association of Christian Nurses and Social Workers have been consulting with us on starting a new home and clinic. In their profession, they see the need every day to care more for neglected babies and to educate mothers in poverty conditions. They have drawings of such homes and are currently negotiating with Government officials for free land to start building. A small amount of your money was given to this group last year to

get them started. This group expressed their appreciation to you and asked your prayers for their future mission. They dream some day to have such Homes/ Clinics run by volunteers in every major Mexican city. We can help them with their dream.

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CINCO BANDERAS Home for Young Men, Monterrey

The dormitory building expansion was completed this November. A team of volunteers from USA, the boys, and the houseparents finished up by constructing storage for clothes, desks and shelf units. The house can now provide a Christian home for 20 of the older boys, mostly from the Children's Homes, as they prepare for future vocations.



The entire cost has been paid for by your donations. Many thanks were received during a "Completion Fiesta".

All of you in Norway, Sweden and USA who participated in this extra effort should be proud. In three years we were able to purchase the building, complete an expansion, and make the ministry to young men possible. The picture to the left shows Tor Jansen giving the title of the house to Roberto Rios, the representative of social services of Iglesia Metodista, Mexico which will be responsible for this ministry. Our funds are still needed to support the young men until Mexicans assume complete responsibility.

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MANO HOME for Young Ladies in Monterrey

We now support three young ladies in this small home for six. Conception and Marisol came from La Familia, Gloria was one of our students. All of them are studying nursing. The volunteer, Cordelia Brown, who lives with the girls is an American / Mexican grandmother who felt that God called her to do this mission work. A special donation from Sweden made the purchase of beds possible. Many thanks from the Mano girls shown in the picture to the right.

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GOSPEL CLUBS for children, Monterrey areas

Dr. Graciela who trains the teachers for the clubs reported that they now rent a permanent meeting room where children can come on Saturdays. There they also prepare visual aids for trips to areas with no churches. Last year they put on children's shows in a park. The teachers, dressed as clowns, talked to the children about Jesus. Last summer 85 children accepted Jesus as their personal savior. Your designated donations help these Mexican missionaries with expenses for visual aids.

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IN MEMORY - Two of our faithful past workers in Norway went home to the Lord in 1991. Torgils Rygh worked several years mailing out the newsletters in Norway. Olaf Jansen was our main coordinator and treasurer in Norway from 1966 to 1981. Although he was crippled and in great pain with arthritis, he used the talents the Lord left him to work for the children in Mexico. He wrote uncountable amount of letters to potential donors and recruited the many faithful supporters we still have today in Norway. His obedience to the Lord, no matter what the circumstances, is an example for all of us. We thank the Lord for both of these men.

