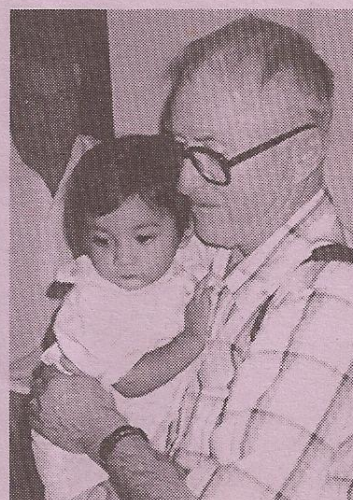


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OUR 30TH YEAR



Dear Friends of our Mexican Children :

The children and youth in our five Mexican homes wish you a happy New Year! The houseparents express appreciation for the extra money you provided for Christmas. The party treats received by the children remind them of you, in faraway places, who love them all year round.

Imagine yourself holding that precious Mexican child in the picture above. Virgil, one of our supporters, made a trip in 1995 and did that in your place! Perhaps, you can come in 1996.

Congratulations for the 30 years of support to the children in Mexico! What can we do to celebrate? A big party with all our donors, spread out over two continents does not seem practical. Could it be that the best way to celebrate is to spend extra money on the project with the highest need?

What do you think about building "Our Thirtieth Year Anniversary Home"? Your special donations could be given to the teenage girls in the rented MANO home for a place of their own. Right now, nine of the young ladies are crowded into a single 12 x 15 foot bedroom built on the roof of a store. Downstairs is a small kitchen and living room. The only bathroom is under the outside ladder steps leading to the roof bedroom. The building is located in a dangerous section of old Monterrey and special care must be given to the girls returning late from schools or jobs. Yes, we must do something for the MANO home. The housemother, Cordelia Brown, is dedicating her life to these needy girls. Perhaps we can help her expand the mission to disadvantaged girls eager to improve themselves.

The dream is to have a home for 20 girls, just as we have for 20 boys right now. With a little training, these young people can raise themselves above poverty and become leaders of a new Mexico. All of our other homes started with a dream, followed by prayer and continued in faith. We know how GOD responded for the Mama Paulita, La Familia, Cinco Banderas, Esperanza, and the Baby Shelter buildings. HE will do it again if we will start the dream! I will visit Mexico in March to help plan for our "**Thirtieth Anniversary Project**".

We also intend to prepare an anniversary issue this fall to show you pictures of the past. One person has volunteered to make an anniversary video which you can obtain. In 1996 you also may have the opportunity to travel to our mission projects and like Virgil, hold your children. Please let us hear from you. If enough are interested, we will arrange a tour. **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY YEAR!**

Your, director, Tor Jansen

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As a nonprofit, 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



Marisol is 10 years old and in third grade. She likes to play sports and is a very good helper with chores in the home. Ismael is 11 years old and in the fourth grade. He is a good student and has a very peaceful attitude. Erika is 9 years old and in second grade. She too is a very good student but reserved in attitude.

LETTERS

We receive letters from the homes we sponsor. Olga and Eliseo wrote about the 17 children currently at the La Familia Home and Lise wrote about the 53 children at the Mama Paulita Home. We have chosen a few stories which represent the reason many of the children need the homes and your support.

The economic and social conditions in Mexico continue to be very difficult. The price of food has more than doubled in the last year with wages rising very little for those who are lucky to find a steady job. The unemployment figure is still above 50% and many fathers are leaving their families to find work in other communities. Many poor mothers do not know about birth control or don't trust the government agencies who promise free service. The result is more children neglected or abandoned. Here is the story about Juana Maria.

Juana was born in a midsize city in Northern Mexico in January of 1990. When her mother became sick with cancer, her two older siblings were brought to the Mama Paulita Home. At that time however, Juana was considered too young to live at the home and stayed with the mother. When her mother died, her alcoholic father tried to care for her but could not and she was passed around to relatives or neighbors. Finally, Juana came to the Mama Paulita Home to live with her older brother and sister.

Juana is a very sweet girl. She is quiet and does not give the staff any problems. She likes being in kindergarten and plays much with her brother, her sister, and all the other kids. She is happy now and feels safe in her new home and even *likes* to go to bed when told.

The picture to the left shows another history. Marisol, Ismael and Erika are three of the four children born to a very young mother in the city of Puebla. The mother was never married so the children do not know their father. She is now trying to put her life together and is working in a printing shop and taking care of her youngest child. She visits her children at the La Familia Home a few times a years.

With your help, these brothers and sisters will have a good home and receive an education.

"MAMA PAULITA" AND "LA FAMILIA"



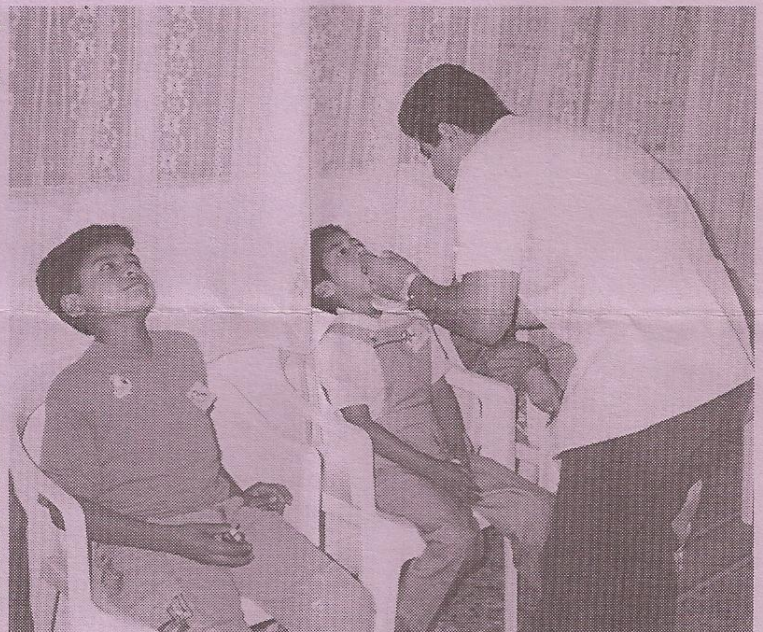
During free time, we can make colorful drawings with the gifts you sent us.



How do you like our car? It works pretty good on our slippery floor.



This play equipment will get us ready for the Olympics!



We always get so nervous when the volunteer dentist comes to the Home! We hope that he doesn't find a cavity!



The young men are taking turns in the kitchen at "Cinco Banderas" We are hoping that a new houseparent couple can be found soon. The boys are very happy to have this home while they train for their vocation.

Cordelia Brown, photo to the right, is the house-mother at "Mano". She shows us the crowded bedroom which nine young ladies must share. We hope not all must get ready for school at the same time!



We often get asked by groups that support our children if they can collect some items for them. Last summer we received many pairs of used play shoes and school supplies. Fortunately we had several work teams that could carry these gifts in their baggage. If we were to send these items by mail, the postage and sometimes the custom fees are more than the items are worth. The postage alone for a pair of shoes is about what we can buy a new pair for in Mexico. Therefore, unless we can find visitors who can carry items in their baggage, it is best to give in cash or check.

Here is a list of needs that you could designate :

1. Esperanza Home : Beds, blankets, sheets, towels, playground equipment, finish concrete for the basketball play area.
2. La Familia Home : Plumbing fixtures for the girls bath, new washing machine, a refrigerator, a modern stove, and additional playground equipment.
3. Shelter for Babies : Complete furnishings for the building including baby and adult beds, kitchen utensils, linen, towels, table, chairs, dressers and so on.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST.

We met this young boy with his new brother when we were visiting his village. He was the baby-sitter every day while his single mother was working away.

