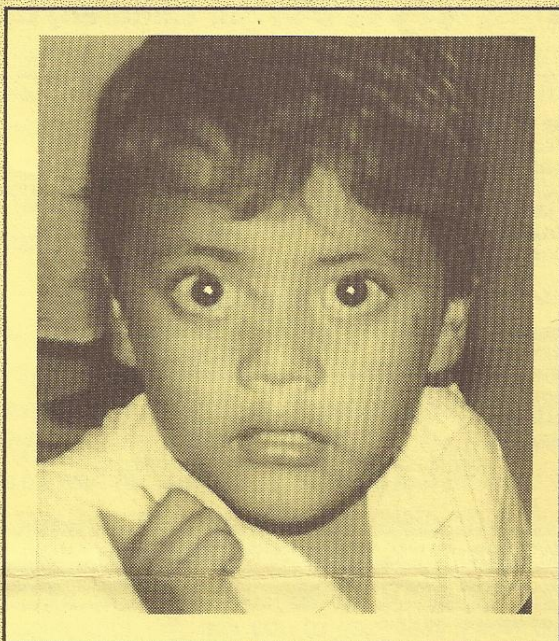


## Caring **Action** for Children, Inc.



May 1996

**30 YEARS IN MEXICO**



### From our Director, Tor:

Do you see the new symbol we have included in our logo? It is to celebrate our 30th anniversary of service to underprivileged children of Mexico. It is a two part symbol which represents our relationship to God and our relationship to other people.

The children recognize the symbol of five crosses often worn by adults who care for them. They have learned that the four little crosses stand for the boys, girls, babies and students in different parts of God's world. They also know that the large cross in the middle stands for God and the Faith of you who help His children.

The symbol may be a reminder to all of us of the covenant God made with Abraham and his descendants that He would bless them so they could be a blessing to people of all nations. Jesus taught this principle in a personal way when he asked Peter three times, "Do you truly love me?". Each time He followed up with, "Feed my sheep!" or "Care for my Children!"

This ancient symbol has been used by missionaries for many years. We started to give a metal replica to our faithful workers in Mexico about ten years ago. It has become a token of our international mission to improve lives of children in Mexico.

I told you in the last newsletter that we had selected a project to celebrate our anniversary year. During my visit to Mexico this spring, the workers at the Mano home for young women students, greeted me with great excitement. First they were grateful that *Caring Action* had selected them to receive a home of their own. They had been praying for this for five years. Secondly, the Patronato (Operating Board) of the home had looked at properties and wanted me to see a particular house they had found. After I saw the house, I became excited too! It seemed that the Lord rewarded our first step of Faith by making this perfect house available.

The house is large enough for 20 girls right now. It has room for expansion and is near technical schools, universities and transportation. It even has a fruit garden with a hut that can be used for study. I talked with the owners and they became so excited about selling their house for a Christian mission that they wanted to be a part of the Patronato in the future. Their family had grown up and the house was now too large for them. Our only problem, right now, is that we do not have all the money required for the purchase, but we know The Lord will provide. Our staff members in USA, Norway and Sweden are working on several funding possibilities so we need your prayers to help us.



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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 - 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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The cost for the five bedroom house is \$47,800, US. It is only nine years old and in very good condition. We want to do for these girls of the Mano Home what we did for the boys of the Cinco Banderas Home seven years ago. That is to buy the home for cash and turn it over to the Mexican Patronato to run. Of course, we will continue to subsidize day-to-day costs until the home becomes self-supporting.

Thanks for letting me be your director with all these opportunities to serve the Lord!

*Tor*

### A SURPRISE PARTY IN MONTERREY, N.L.

Forty eight of our Mexican workers and former children in our homes and student programs came together to honor *Caring Action for Children* and the foreign supporters who have made 30 years of mission possible. We wish all of you could have been there and heard the speeches of thanks from the leaders of Cinco Banderas and Mano Student Homes, Mama Paulita Home for children, the Shelter for Teen Mothers and Babies and Student Aid Program.

Most touching were the testimonials from seven of our former children and youth. They told how much of a difference your help has made in their lives. Several had travelled long distances to tell their story of how the physical and spiritual help received have made them successful persons. They now follow your example and donate back to their younger brothers and sisters.

Jaime Augustin told how our former director, Trygve Jansen, discovered him about fourteen years ago and gave him encouragement with financial support for schooling. He is now a lawyer dedicated to helping the poor.

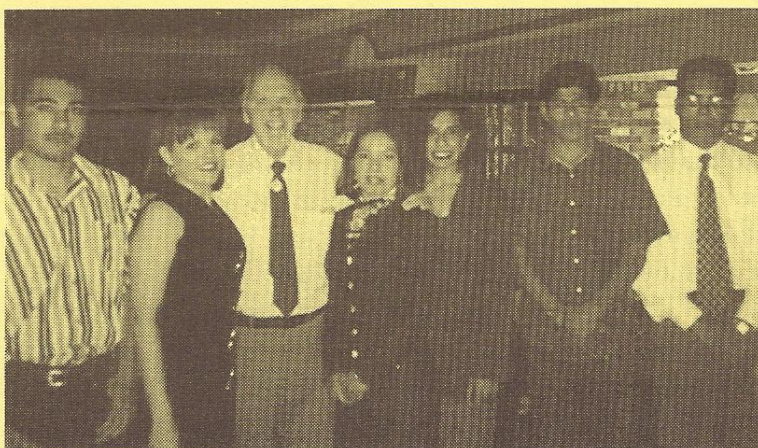
Rosie is a president of her own wholesale company. She has not forgotten her past and comes back to the Mama Paulita Home and buys new shoes for each of the 50 children every Christmas. Pepe and Lalo also spoke of the love they have received. They first came to Mama Paulita as three year olds. Now they are living in their own apartment and working in technical fields, skills they learned while at Cinco Banderas. Anita spoke of her years at Mama Paulita and how this start prepared her to become an executive secretary.

Jesus de la Fuerte and Carmen gave their testimonies of how much your help is appreciated by the seminarians and the students at Mano.

*The picture to the left show Tor with six of the above young people. Caring Action for Children was presented with a Silver Aztec Calender Medallion which has the engraving:*

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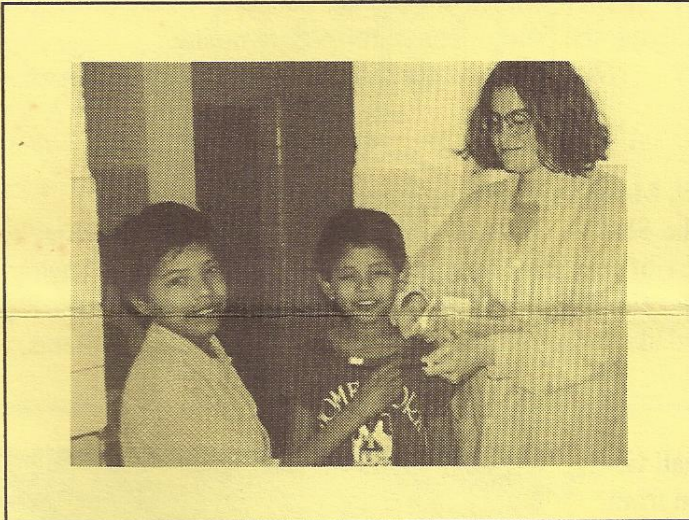
30 Years of Love for Mexico





## MAMA PAULITA HOME FOR CHILDREN, El Limon, Tamps

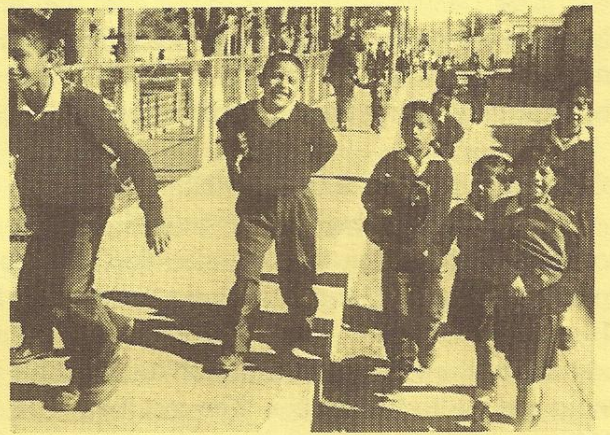
The forty seven children at this home have enjoyed three volunteer young ladies this winter and spring. Lise from Noway, who had been there since last September, was joined by Kris from Colorado and Amy from Pennsylvania. They spent their days giving the children the extra attention they craved, helping with homework, house chores, cleaning, painting and tending to the outside grounds. They quickly learned to speak Spanish. The picture below shows Amy giving out toothbrushes with paste to the younger boys in their dorm. Many thanks to the young ladies for giving their all for the children.



Some changes are happening at the home right now. The houseparents Oziel and Filliberta Rodriguez have served the home for two years and are leaving to be evangelists in different churches in Mexico. We are sorry to see them leave. Thank you for the love you shared with the children. It showed in their faces when we saw them with you! The Patronato, with the help of the above volunteers, are making sure the children are well cared for during the transition to new houseparents. We ask you to pray that a new couple can be found who has enough love to care for 47 children day and night, make sure the meals are right and soothe each hurt and tear. It is a Big Job!

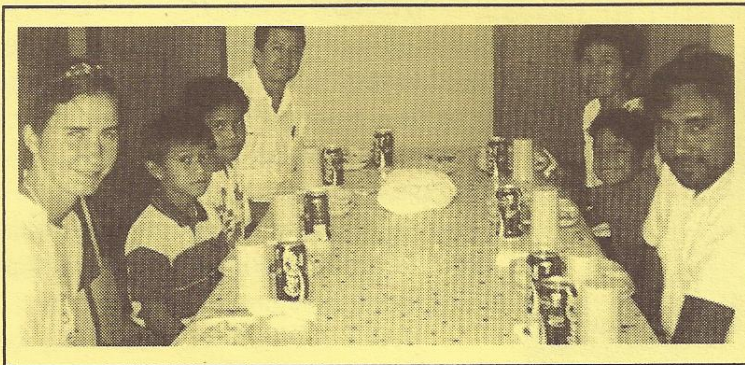
## LA FAMILIA HOME, Serdan, Pue

The home has 17 children. Five left since our last visit in November and five new children took their place. In Mexico, any relative can come to pick up children at anytime. Three of the new children, Luis Aguilar, Manuel and Beatrice were brought from Mexico City. Their father is an alcoholic and had abandoned the family. Their 32 year old mother can not walk and is in a wheel chair. She works in a clothing factory and is so happy that the children could come to La Familia to be taken care of. She is a Christian and with a great deal of difficulty she makes the four hour bus trip to see her children once every three weekends. A volunteer group from TN, USA came this spring to fix a leaking roof. *The picture to the right shows the children walking the 2 mile distance to their school.*



## ESPERANZA HOME FOR CHILDREN, Bonfil, Q. Roo

Lise and Tor visited the home to encourage members of the Patronato to recruit additional active persons concerned for children. At this time, much of the administrative and support work is done by Pastor Mancilla. There are three boys and a baby being supported by you in this home. *The picture to the left shows us having lunch with the boys, Wilber, Felix, and Rosendo. The Pastor and the Housemother, Miriam are in the back and our coordinator, Luis, in the front.*







### **CINCO BANDERAS STUDENT HOME, Monterrey, N.L.**

The home for boys has a new Director / Houseparent couple. They are Jose and Maria de la Rosa. They have two young children. The couple previously worked in a Methodist Home for Children and are educated as a computer programmer and a kindergarten teacher. The 14 young men living at the home share the house chores, have part time jobs, and full time studies in technical schools. Many of them are studying the field of computer programming.

*The picture to the left shows the happy directors.*

### **SHELTER FOR TEEN MOTHERS AND BABIES, Monterrey, NL.**

The needed \$5,000 + was received to finish the Shelter. Interior walls, doors, bathrooms, kitchen, and medical exam offices have been completed. The start of this mission was promised for May. The Shelter is beautifully finished in white paint and ceramic floor tiles. For full operation, we still need more beds and furniture for the rooms such as dressers and chairs. If you would like to designate a funding gift for any of these items, we will be happy to send it directly to the Shelter.

### **FOOD PROGRAM, Almaguer, NL.**

We have started a food program again in a small village on the mountainside near Monterrey. The children from this poor village receive cups of oatmeal and bread when Mexican volunteers are able to drive their truck up the rough mountainside path. The children in this village love visitors because they always bring something extra.

### **OPPORTUNITIES TO TRAVEL**

This November 6 - 13, we will again give you the opportunity for a Volunteer Mission Trip. We plan to complete the playground and finish final painting at the Esperanza Home near Cancun. You will work at your own pace but also have time off to visit the Mayan ruins, people in the missions and the lovely beaches. The cost for 8 days, 7 nights is held to a minimum and includes your contribution for materials and gifts. Write to Tor if you are interested. Last year we had volunteers from PA, IN, NY, NJ, FL, in the USA and from Sweden.



### **WORLD WIDE INTERNET**

One of our supporters has volunteered to put Caring Action on the Internet. If you have a compatible computer, you can see what we have on :

<http://www.commex..com/caring/>

We would appreciate any input you may have on this new way of communicating with potential new sponsors.

**HAVE A NICE SUMMER !**

