

# Caring Action



In Mexico

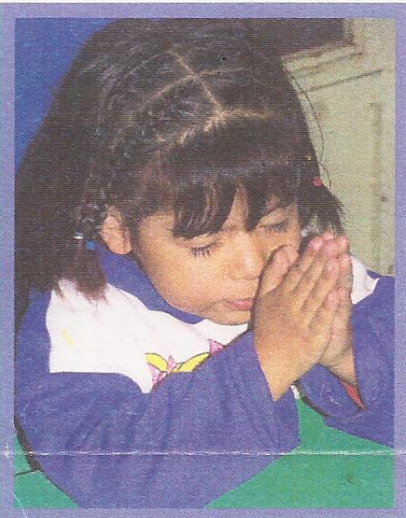
# For Children

July  
2005

Our 39th year  
in Mexico

## **This is what it is all about...**

**Taking the unloved, abandoned and orphaned children of Mexico, and giving them a safe, loving, and healthy place to live, where they learn to love God, learn to live with others in a family environment, and get an education.**



Some of the children at the La Familia Home pose for a photo with Shirley during her latest trip in March.

During our latest trip to visit the Children's Homes in Mexico, we saw evidence in every home that these things were happening in abundance. As you can see with the little girl above, the children are taught to pray and love God, as well as learning their ABC's and numbers. The older children are attending upper division classes and learning a trade.

The houseparents are making good use of every dollar that we send them, keeping these children in school uniforms, everyday clothes, nutritious foods, and a clean and kept-up home.

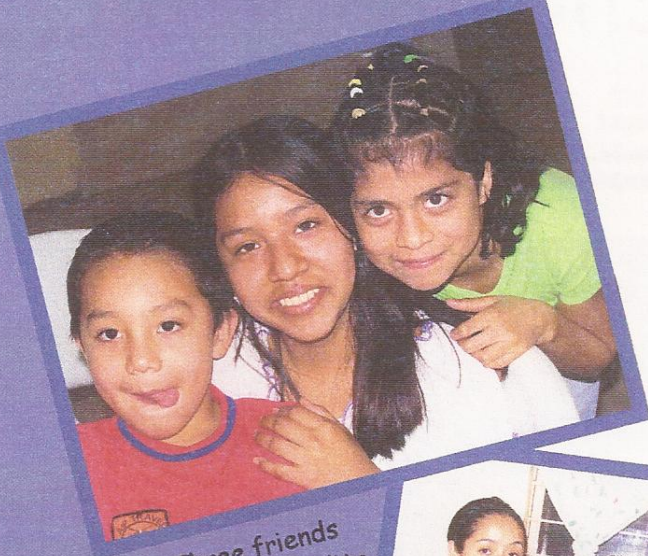
Remember, every dollar you send us is forwarded directly to Mexico. The minimal overhead we spend is covered by interest income. Help us continue to meet the needs of the special children and young people pictured inside.

In His service,

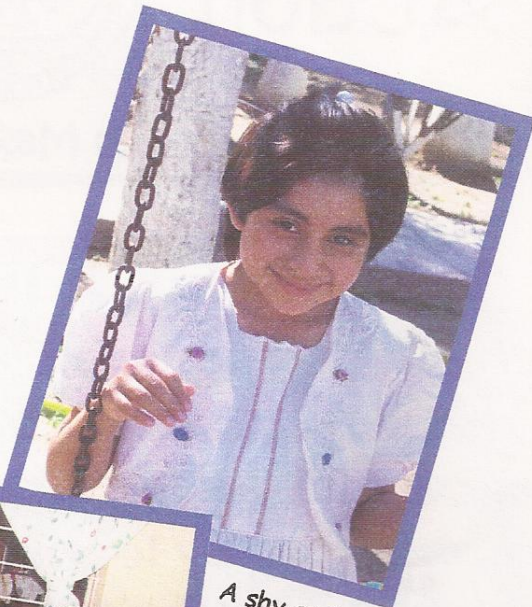
Shirley Becker  
President and Treasurer



# A Photo says it all...



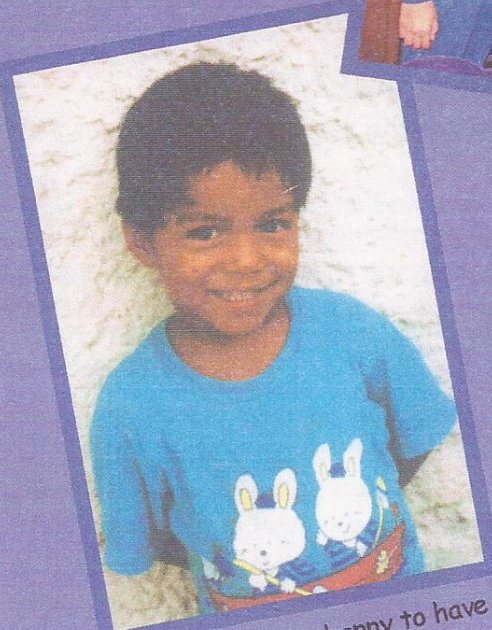
Three friends  
at Mama Paulita



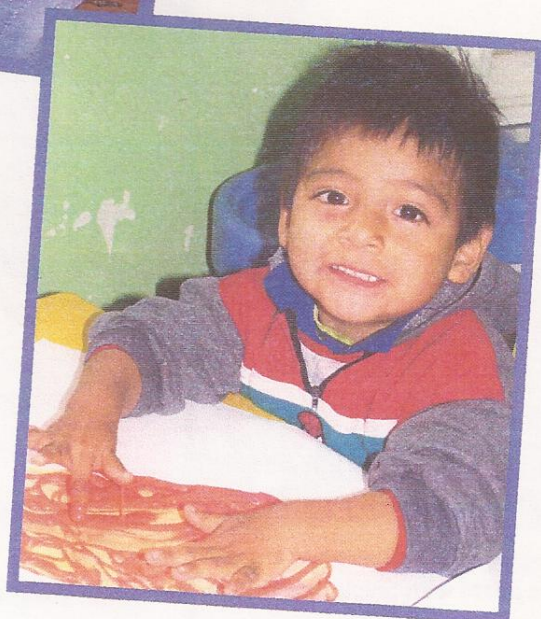
A shy smile from this  
lovely girl at Mama Paulita



These three young  
women are living in  
the Mano Home in  
Monterrey while they  
study and prepare  
for a career.



Big smiles—he's happy to have  
a home at the Esperanza  
Home in Bonfil



Fingerpainting Fun at the Shelter  
in Monterrey



# A Volunteer shares ...

Can you imagine what it would be like to grow up in a family where both father and mother are alcoholics? Both drank whenever they could get a cheap drink but stayed together to end up with seven children. In their stupor the children were neglected, abused and often had to escape to other people for food, shelter and care.

Social Service personnel had to find a place for these children. Eventually all seven siblings spent part of their lives in a Caring Action supported Home. Your donations and the love of Mexican houseparents helped save these children.

Now there are only two brothers left to nurture. The oldest is 16 and he has been given schooling and a loving home for several years. The younger brother, perhaps 11, is there also, blending in with the 22 or more children in the Home. Food is plentiful and safe beds are there in the boy's dormitory. Every month there is even a Birthday Party celebrating the birth month with cake and presents. The dedicated houseparents provide a loving Christian home.

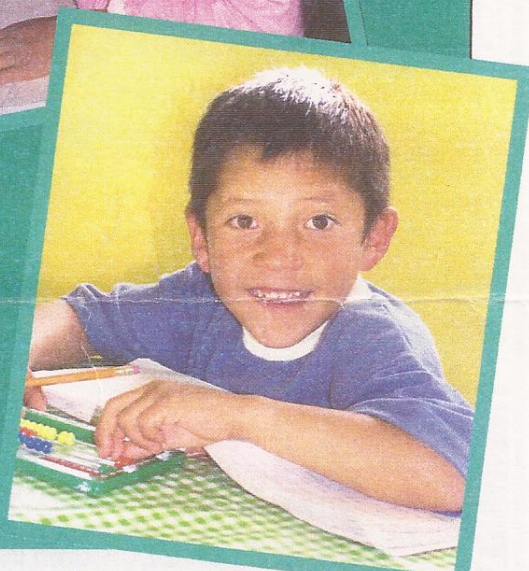
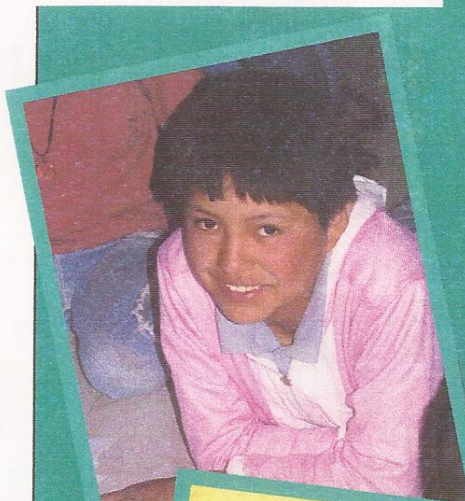
The brothers sometimes travel to the small town to see their parents. They talk little about what happened but they like the adventure of bus travel to visit briefly. They are very appreciative of living at the Children's Home with all the opportunities there.

Their older sister was at the Home a few years ago. Now she lives independently and is working as a secretary in a nearby town.

The oldest boy has started high school. He is very bright, interested in science and is curious about how things work. He would like to be an astronaut or a scientist when he is older. His grades are good, and we are currently looking for options for him to live in a bigger city to continue studies. So far he is a story of success, and we look forward to learning about his future. His younger brother is following in his footsteps.

Your donations of support have made a difference!

*Story contributed by Kyle Garrett, a volunteer.*



The children at La Familia Home in Serdan have a long walk every day to get to their school.



# Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

A non-profit interdenominational organization dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for the under-privileged children in their country.

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## OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- To respond to the needs of children in Mexico by providing food, housing, clothing, an education, and spiritual guidance.
- To assist concerned Mexicans in taking full responsibility for property and operations of the Children's Homes.

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## In Memory

William (Bill) Smith went to be with the Lord on June 4, 2005. He faithfully served as President and as Secretary of Caring Action for Children in Mexico for more than 25 years.

His leadership as President helped start six new mission projects which have given hope for many Mexican children and young people. Some of these projects are: The School at the Mama Paulita Home for Children in the state of Tamaulipas, the

La Familia Home for Children in the state of Puebla, the two student home for older boys and girls, the Shelter for single mothers, babies and youngsters, all in the state of Nuevo Leon, and the outreach program to help poor students afford better education.

During his time as Secretary, two additional missions were started: The Esperanza Home for Children in the state of Q. Roo, and the Home for Indigenous Students in the state of Oaxaco.

Bill also served as our representative to the Westchester Lutheran church, Los Angeles, which has been a major contributor to the mission of caring Action for 39 years.

*Bill will always be remembered by the many he served for the Lord Jesus Christ. He made a better world!*

## A Note from Tor, your director

Thanks so much to the friends of Caring Action for Children in Mexico who sent so many personal notes and donations to honor the life of my mother, Gerda Jansen. I even received cards signed by children in Mexico. The gifts so far have amounted to US\$ 2490, which will go for expenses to give the formerly neglected children a Christian Home filled with love!