

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

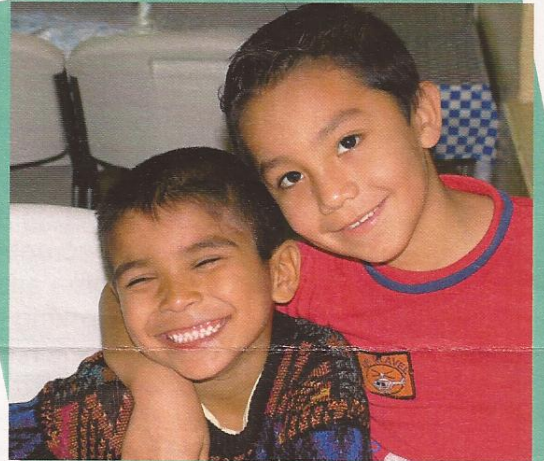
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Our 39th year
in Mexico



Greetings from your Children in Mexico!

Three members of the Caring Action for Children Board and I made a quick trip to several of our Homes in Mexico. We visited the Shelter for Young Children and the two Student Homes in the Monterrey area. We also traveled to the Mama Paulita Home for Children in north Mexico and the La Familia Home for Children in central Mexico. Lastly we checked in on the newly established Home for Indigenous Students in south Mexico.



Now 39 years old, Caring Action needed to expose a third generation of Board members to the challenges and joys of this mission work. We must continue to make a loving future for (formerly) forgotten and abandoned children in Mexico. Our organization has helped Mexican Christians to establish 7 Homes during this time. They have been motivated to care for God's little treasures in their own land.

We estimate that over 4 million dollars have been given for buildings and daily operational costs over the years. It has been a good investment in the Kingdom of God. We have received many times that amount in return blessings. Most children and youth became sincere Christians, with an education and encouragement to make a better life for their families. Several have come back as adults to the homes to donate or serve new children.

The children gave us hugs of thanks that you, the donors in the USA, Norway and Sweden richly deserve! Thanks for remembering the children for so many years. They remember that 1000 friends in other countries love and care for them! Appreciate the smiles on their faces which we photographed when we visited.

Enjoy God's splendor this summer

Tor, Shirley, Darlene and Susan.....the travelers

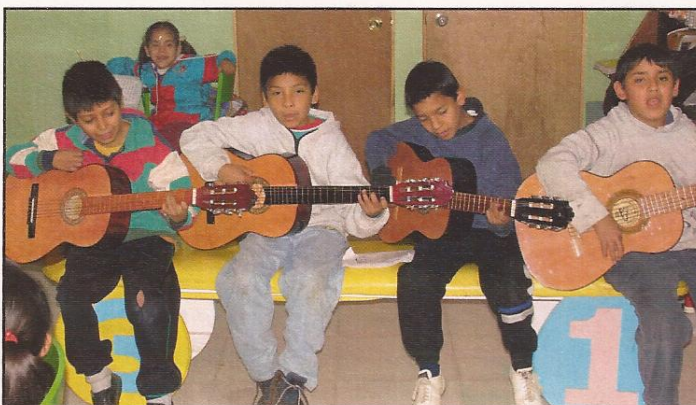
The Shelter for Very Young Children, Monterrey

It is about 1:30 and the children are returning from the elementary school. At the home, preschoolers and toddlers are waiting for them so they can have the mid-day meal. The cook is ready and soon all gather in the dining room. All are excited and want attention from us, the visitors. Soon the director, Martha Rojas, says "Silencia," and all the children know that this is the time to bow their heads and pray. All 42 are quiet and prayers and songs follow.

We toured the Home and discovered surprises. Two Dorm buildings for older boys and girls had been constructed. The boys already occupied theirs and had an adult monitor sleeping in the room at night. The girls were waiting to have the same. The original dorms were really over-crowded with the young ones sharing beds.

We also found a Bakery and Store on the grounds. A baker had been hired and we saw the good-looking bread and buns come out of the ovens. The bakery will help support the Home and be an asset to the community. The funds for the dorms and bakery were raised in Mexico.

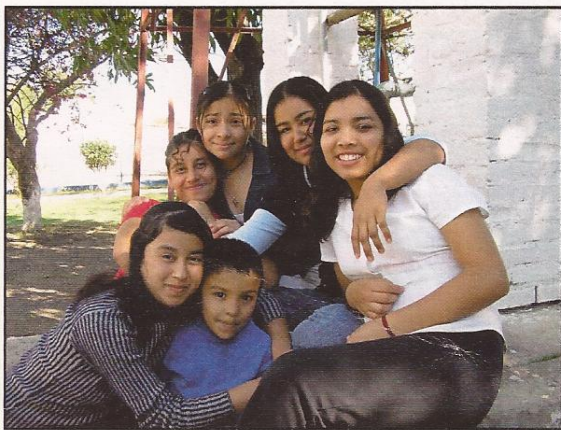
Their next goal is to build a multi-purpose gathering place for meetings and recreation to be used by the Home and community. We are working with a group in the USA which is interested in cooperating with the Mexicans to reach this goal.



*The children are receiving music lessons—
guitar, piano, and violin*

A six hour evening bus ride took us from Monterrey to Mante. The next morning we met children from Mama Paulita in the worship service of the "New Life" center. This local congregation has lovingly cared for this home for a few years now. The current houseparents —Fernando, Ydira, and Nancy—and the Pastor are giving the children a rich physical and spiritual environment.

We saw the replacement windows given by donor friends in Sweden. They look great and keep the many insects out. The supervising board, called the "Patronato," make sure that the 43 children receive the best of care. During the visit, Caring Action donated extra funds for foot wear, kitchen items, and bicycle repair parts. Next summer a Mission Volunteer Team from Indiana will be at the Home for a week to fix up facilities and interact with the children. A similar Mission team from Wisconsin finished a visit in February. Thank you volunteers!



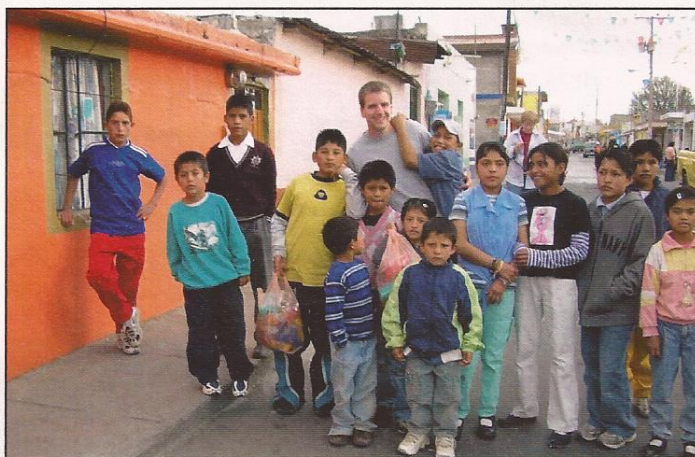
Mama Paulita Home for Children El Limon, Tamps.

La Familia Home for Children, Serdan, Pue.

After 15 hours of bus rides we arrive in Serdan. The children were yet in school, so we had a chance to chat with the houseparents, Ana-Laura and Jose. They now have a cook, and a helper, Mauri, was there as well. She can assume responsibilities when the houseparents need a day off.

Last year, the home had 12 groups of visitors. One set was even from Norway. Some of these groups now give most of the support funding. With so many visitors to the Home, the houseparents have their hands full and children sometimes get so much affection they forget their school work.

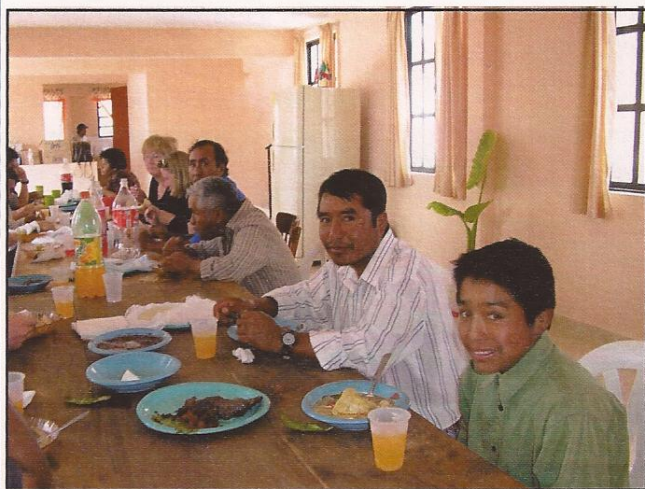
The 21 children arrived from school with many hugs and hand shakes. A few new ones had arrived since last year but soon we were accepted as old friends.



Kyle, a USA volunteer for 6 months, and the children walk to the store to get treats that the Caring Action board paid for.

The newest Home has been in operation since January with 10 Indigenous students. Currently staying there are 8 boys and 2 girls. These young men and women are from remote villages in the mountains where they do not have schools past the elementary levels. One student reported a three hour walk each way to attend a Tlaxiaco school. Now they can live at this Home during the school week and only walk 1/2 hour each way.

We met Marcelino (age 13) and his father, pictured below on the right. They were excited and thankful for the boy's opportunity to stay at the Home. Both spoke Mixtecan, but also Spanish so we could communicate a little. Since we arrived on a week-end, the others had gone to their villages.



The director, Augustin, and the responsible Patronato arranged a fiesta. We surveyed the facilities and about 3 acres of land. We found much work to be done. The most urgent task is a dormitory addition as we learned of more than 20 applicants for next fall.

Caring Action promised to support operation of this Home at 75% to start, with the Mexican Methodist Churches providing the other 25%.

Home for Indigenous Youth, Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca

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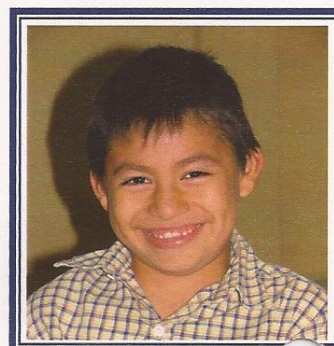
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OUR TWO-FOLD MISSION

- 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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MANO for Girls and Cinco Banderas for Boys

Student Homes in the Monterrey area

We visited these two home that were started more than 10 years ago. They are for students that do not have funds to live and study in a place for advanced education. These boys and girls come from poor homes in villages all over Mexico. Often they are referred by a pastor who knows that their youth will live in a safe Christian environment.

The MANO directors are Henry and Karla Brown. They have six students at this time but expect more next semester. Caring Action promised funds for another bathroom, which was a limiting problem for growth. The Cinco Bandera's new director is Erinna Flores. She supervises 21 young men residents. Caring Action promised more financial support, based on the number of residents.

In memory of Gerda Kristine Jansen 1903-2005



Gerda Jansen, at age 101 1/2

Gerda Jansen always showed love and compassion for God's children everywhere. Her deeds and prayers have motivated persons serving Caring Action for Children. Trygve Jansen, the founder of Caring Action, was received and nurtured by his aunt, Gerda, as an immigrant from Norway. He had served 20 years as Director, when Tor, her son, continued responsibility for this Mission to Mexico. Mia Varone, her grand-daughter, volunteers to be our donation secretary.

Gerda Jansen's encouragement and positive outlook have been the "Bright Light" for all she met. Thanks to you who contributed to a Living Memorial in her honor. Caring Action will use your funds to give hope for neglected children in Mexico.