

Caring Action



In Mexico

For Children

Christmas 2006

Our 40th year
in Mexico

★ Feliz Navidad ★

★ Merry Christmas ★ God Jul ★

Your Children in Mexico wish you, the supporters in Mexico, USA, and Scandinavia, a great Season of Joy and a new Year with many opportunities! The children do not know WHO provides their daily necessities. They are, as most children, unaware of WHEN financial aid arrives or WHAT the circumstances of their new Homes are, and HOW financial aid is obtained.

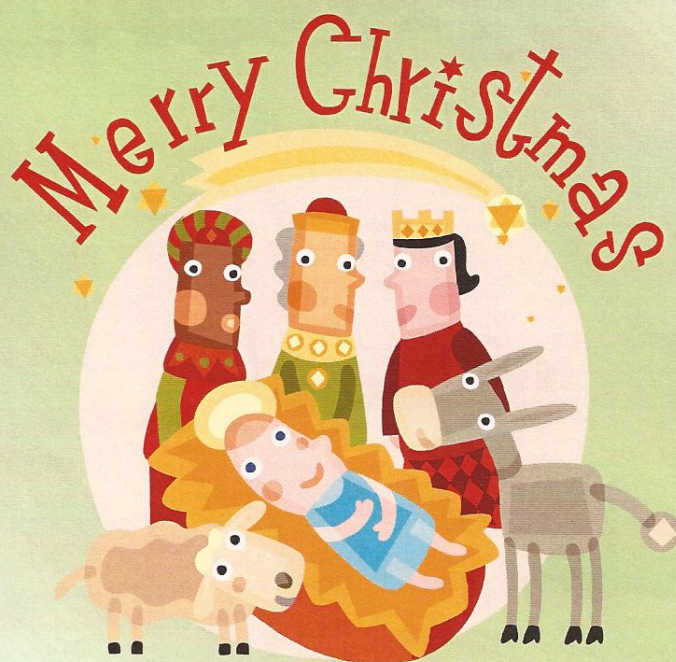
One thing they know: Food is prepared and is on the table at meal times. The clothing is there when needed. Repair and painting of buildings happens, schooling is available and love is received from houseparents in abundance!

These children just know that SOMEWHERE--- SOMEHOW in the USA and Scandinavia there are KIND people that want to help them! The children just believe that GOD and SOMEONE CARES !

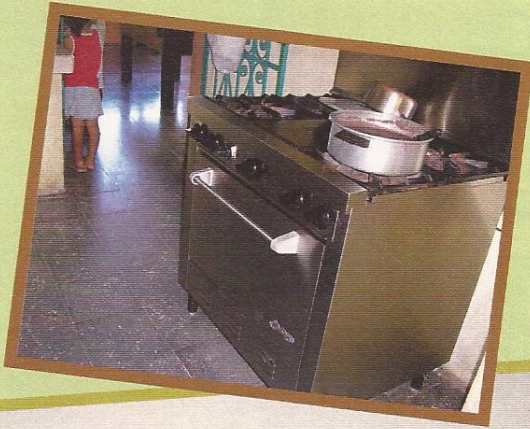
We pray that you will renew your CARING SPIRIT for Christmas and in the New Year, by sending donations for these children. Then we can show the boys and girls that their faith is not in vain. THANK YOU !

(I just returned from three weeks in Mexico, visiting all our Homes. Excerpts from my report are shared with you in this newsletter.)

*Tor Jansen for the Board and Volunteers of
Caring Action for Children in Mexico.*



A Report from the Homes...



Esperanza Home for Children in Bonfil, near Cancun

A Team of 10 Persons from Indiana and Pennsylvania came to the Home to clean, paint the inside of the home and do some sewing of covers for sofas, following the Hurricane of last year. The 11 children received the volunteers with many hugs during the week.

The new cooking oven, purchased with donations from Norway, was in place. See the picture, left. Some of the children had left before and after the Hurricane but the 11 children remaining were expecting several new ones soon. The houseparents and two helpers care for the children.

Two young ladies from Norway had just finished 2 months of volunteering. The children miss the friendship of Karine and Kristine.



The children and Houseparents pose in front of the new Palm Tree Planter, a memorial to Larry Cotton, a friend to Caring Action Homes.



The Shelter in Monterrey, N.L.

Next we flew to the city of Monterrey as a bus ride would take 2 days. The Shelter has 42 children now. The amount fluctuates because some mothers are allowed to come and pick up their child when circumstances change. Usually these mothers are single and must work to exist. Sometimes they are able to pay some money back to the Shelter.

Some additional construction had been completed by Mexicans to expand. The bakery was operating with one of the staff being trained as the baker. Their dream continues to be to build a Learning Center where children can take music lessons and receive tutoring. We talked with the Architect and Construction coordinator about the planned Learning Center. They agreed to give us a cost estimate to prepare the foundation.

The Cinco Banderas and Mano Youth Homes

In Monterrey



There are 19 young men and 6 young women at the two Homes now. They are studying for careers at university and technical school levels. They all came from poor families and from different parts of Mexico. We had a good time with them as they and the Patronato (Board) members served meals for us.

La Familia Home for Children

In Serdan, Puebla

A 15 hour bus trip took us to this home to meet the 28 children with the new Houseparents of 3 months. Their names are Jose and Silvia and are pictured by the mini van donated for the home. The children showed their love for the young couple as well as us visitors. Hallvard was with us and he fit right in. The children were enrolled in new schools that will advance their educational level. We treated the children to snacks and gave money for their Christmas Fiesta.

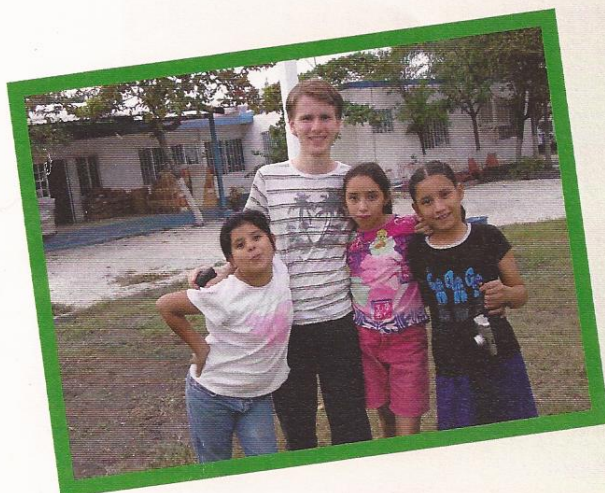
The new Houseparents had been trained in community relations, so additional help now comes from neighbors and city officials.



Mama Paulita Home for Children

In El Limon, near Mante

The 35 children greeted us warmly as we arrived on Mexican Revolution Day. The children participated with their school classmates in a colorful parade. We treated them to special snacks after their midday meal.



We met Hallvard, a Norwegian 19 year old man who was volunteering for 6-8 months. The children had a hard time pronouncing his name, so he became Alberto. He was learning Spanish very fast. His picture to the left shows that children adore him!

Mexican workers were doing the finishing touches on the new bath facilities for the older boys. The whole dining room and kitchen were being renovated, paid by the State of Tamaulipas at the request of the Governor who had visited. When finished, floor and walls will be completely tiled and new fixtures installed. The houseparents Ferdinando and Ydira have to do all cooking in their own apartment size kitchen. They have their hands full!

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- 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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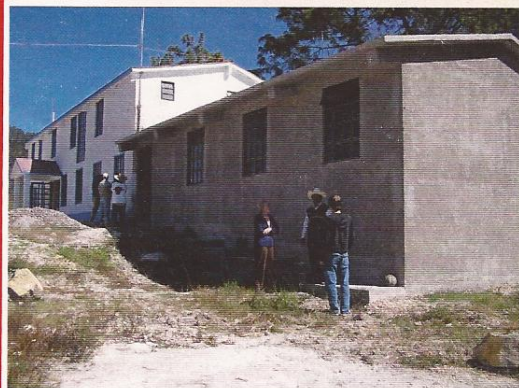
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Home for Indigenous Students (HEI)

Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca



Our newest home is almost complete, and already in use! Twelve boys and three girls live at the home now. They are young teenagers and attend schools in the center of Tlaxiaco. It is 4 miles to and from their schools, and with no transportation, they are currently taking taxi's every day. We are praying for someone to donate funds to purchase a van, so the children can get to school easier.

We traveled by car over four hours from Puebla City to reach this home. The Patronato had received 10 complete beds which was delivered for the new Dormitory. The picture shows the new addition, attached to the main building. The inside was completed with bathroom and fixtures. Only a water heater and some paint was missing. Caring Action gave a check to pay for a water heater and for a little Christmas fiesta. The new Dormitory will house the five or more new students expected for January 2007. Many more applicants are waiting.