

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.

TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE MAILED TO:
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THE STUDENT PROGRAM



Our Mission Coordinators in Mexico are Professor Gloria Valdes and husband Architect Benjamin Valdes. They select students from families with little income, and the students selected must be highly motivated to escape their poverty conditions. They usually live at home and commute to school or university. Caring Action provides up to \$25 per month which Gloria distributes with motivational advice. Benjamin helps coordinate construction projects. This couple also disburses Caring Action donation funds in Mexico and gives us an exact accounting of every Peso. We appreciate their service to Caring Action for Children in Mexico.

Most of the students we help, (about 35) live in the three Student Homes which receive a fixed amount per student toward their operational cost. We will write more after our Fall visit.

OUTREACH TO ALMAGUER COMMUNITY, Guadeloupe, NL.

The food and spiritual program in this community are temporarily halted. The Mexican leader moved away. This area has experienced much violence due to drug gang warfare. The building we constructed is hopefully being used by the local mothers for the many children in the area.



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Serving in
Mexico since
1966



FAITH + ACTION MAKES A CHANGE IN THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN MEXICO

Donors to Caring Action for Children have provided funds to build and maintain 7 Homes during the past 45 years. You have helped Mexican Christians serve abandoned babies and children, youngsters roaming the streets begging for food and older boys and girls who long for education to break out of poverty.

You have been the enablers to make sure the children had opportunities that God promises for everybody. We could not track the more than thousand lives you have touched over the years but we often receive thank you notes for many past life changing experiences.

Several former children have come back to the homes to visit, bring presents and volunteer to serve in an official capacity. The seeds you planted are multiplying in Mexico! In return, the Homes have provided the opportunity for many volunteers to come and serve in the Homes, and thereby strengthen their own spiritual relationship with God and His Creation. They have experienced the words of Jesus: "What you do for the least of my children, you do for Me!"

Let the charming girl in the picture express the joy you have given to all the children and youth in the Homes. They always remember the friends in USA, Norway, Sweden and Denmark that contribute for their loving homes, food, education and spiritual care.

We pray you have blessed Summer and Fall Season!
Thanks for letting me serve as your director of your Mission in Mexico!

Tor Jansen



NEWS FROM THE HOMES: BUILDING PROJECTS:



Currently Caring Action is supporting 4 building projects from special funds authorized for this purpose:

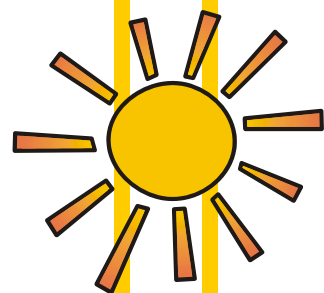
1. The completion of new dormitories for the Cinco Banderas Student Home for boys. Caring Action provided half of the funds needed to complete the project, with the other half raised in Mexico. Labor is supplied by students and volunteer Mexicans.
2. Construction of an apartment at the Shelter for a future house parent couple is progressing. The structural walls for the second floor location plus electrical conduits and plumbing are progressing with the help of Mexican and American volunteers. The next project is the roof which will be paid for by a donation from Denmark. Funding is still needed to finish and furnish the interior. Tor hopes to have estimates for the cost after his visit to the Home in August.
3. The first Chicken House and yard should be finished at the Home for Indigenous Students. New funds have been sent to buy 100 egg laying hens. These funds were provided by a US donor, as well as from a pre-school in Norway. Any extra funds will be used to start a second Chicken House. This project will help pay for operation of the Home.
4. The New La Familia Home is building second floor dormitories for older boys and girls. At the present time Caring Action is donating a share of one month's operational expenses. Any help for the construction cost will be forwarded to this Home. One volunteer from Caring Action, our granddaughter, will be working with the 40+ children there this summer. We know it will be a rewarding experience. Please read the note below from a past volunteer:

Last summer, I got to experience volunteering first hand with my 13 year old son on a mission trip to Mexico to work with 30 orphaned and abandoned children of Casa Hogar La Familia. These children have virtually no material possessions — no toys, no electronics, and no brand name clothing. You would expect these children to be bitter and selfish since they have been abandoned by their parents, yet they are not — they were amazingly generous. Over the course of a week we built a swing set for them while they taught us life changing lessons about happiness. —Dan Grover

Esperanza Home for Children in Bonfil, near Cancun

The happiest event since our visit last fall was that Lorena (18) had a baby girl. She had left the Home one day when she was 17 trying to continue her own life. She stayed with a boyfriend for a while but when he found out she was pregnant he left her. The house parents looked for her and found her lonely and hungry on the streets of Cancun. They took her back to the home with love and understanding and a promise to support her during this difficult time. The Volunteer women in the November work team learned about Lorena's situation and gave \$500 for birthing expenses. In June we received an email from the house parents that Lorena was married and living with the baby and her husband. We pray that God will bless them all!

The picture shows Lorena and newborn baby in a modern, clean hospital bed. All the other children and house parents at the home are doing well and send their greetings.



Indigenous Student Home in Tlaxiaco, Oax.

The Mexican Methodist Board (Patronato) made presentations to their Conference of Churches in the Southeast States of Mexico. Nine different churches responded with gifts of food and supplies, plus two new computers and printers. The boys and girls were thrilled to receive the modern equipment and quickly learned to operate them from an American woman from Washington State who volunteered at the Home for most of the year.

This is our newest home and Caring Action is reducing the support 10% per year. Thus, it is important that churches become involved in this mission, and that the Home can produce income with their Chicken and Crop growing projects. The picture below shows Indigenous Families picking up students for vacation.



Shelter for Babies and Young Children Monterrey, NL

The all purpose auditorium, outdoor kitchen and library were put to good use this spring. The Shelter located and invited parents and friends of the children for a Mother/Father's Day Festival with food and entertainment. American-Mexican volunteer, Sue Long, directed the children in a musical and performing arts treat.

The house mother, Martha Rohas, likes the children to establish lasting relationships and show the visitors how they are progressing in their spiritual and educational lives. The Children were happy to show off the new library and home facilities. We are grateful to the Back2Back Ministries, who are still aiding the Shelter with maintenance chores, and befriending and playing with the children.

