

Caring Action



For Children

In Mexico

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Serving in
Mexico since
1966

Making a Difference

MANO, the Home for teenagers and young women in Monterrey, has undergone a transformation, thanks to a very supportive board, and a very organized and caring Housemother, Cristian Cruz. The young women living at Mano have a safe place to stay and study while they attend one of the universities in Monterrey to learn a trade. The Housemother, Cristian, has written a letter to us...both to the Caring Action board, and to all our donors. The Board members were not able to go to Monterrey in spring of 2009 and 2010 to visit our three Homes there, due to the unsafe conditions. Cristian writes to us saying she misses our visit, but wants to update us on the situation in the Home, as well as her personal completion of her schooling.



Board President Gloria and Housemother Cristian in top row, with some of the students



Greetings to our brothers and sisters,

I say hello with a lot of love, hoping you are enjoying the blessings of our God. We miss your visits but we know the reasons because you could not come here. I send you a big hug.

Home MANO is working well, now with 13 students from different states of Mexico. We are happy and grateful to have more students at the Mano Home. In the same way I recognize that it is more work and a big challenge to administrate the house and help everyone obtain the dreams of their hearts.

In my personal life I am happy and grateful with God, because he let me finish the program of my studies at University of Nuevo Leon, last December. Now I am ready to begin new projects, I am sure that he has a new path for my life. He has given me a lot of blessings until now, and one of them it is have you in my heart. Thank you for your help. God bless your lives and I hope see you soon.

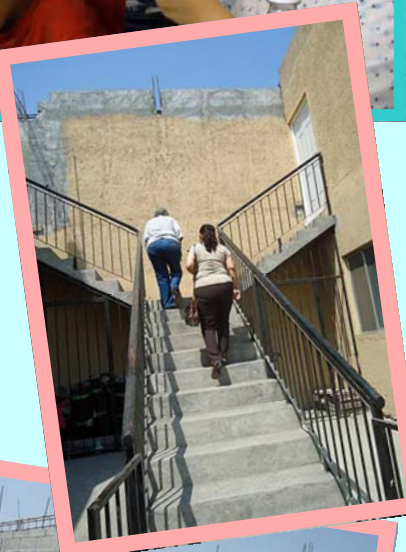
*With Christian love.
Cristian Cruz.*

Shelter for Young Children, Monterrey, NL.

The Shelter for Young Children fills a great need for children that are abandoned or orphaned in the city of Monterrey. The Director, Martha Rojas, has the vision and energy to create a place where children are not only fed, clothed and sent to school, but where they have opportunities to learn how to play musical instruments, learn sports, be tutored by volunteers, and provided an in-house library for studying, as well as a performing arts auditorium.

The library was added as a second story above one of the dormitories, and is used frequently by the children. The current project is to build an apartment so future houseparents can live on the property, opposite the library. As you walk up the steps, (see the picture to the left,) go to the right to enter the library, and go to the left to enter the apartment, still in construction.

Approximately 50 children ranging from birth to age 14 are currently living here. At any hour of the day, you can hear the happy voices of children running and playing —outside, in the playroom, in the music room and library, and in the sleeping rooms. It is a happy place! And the children are being taught through the love of those that care for them, as well as through daily devotions and weekly worship



Caring Action for Children Basic Financial Report for 2010

Donations	\$55,584.00
Disbursements to the Homes:	
Basic Monthly Support	\$51,742.00
Special Projects:	\$2,050 to Shelter for the library books
	\$3,450 to HEI Home for the Chicken Project
	\$10,000 to Cinco Banderas to build a new dormitory
Total Outgoing Funds	\$67,242.00

Note that Caring Action sent \$11,658 more to the Children's Homes in Mexico than they received in donations. The needs of the children and students were so great that we kept our financial promises to them, and took funds from our reserves to complete our pledge to each Home. We cannot continue to do this. Please carefully consider how you might be able to help support the many children that need us! Thank you!!

Education in the Mountains of Southern Mexico

The Hogar Estudiantil Indigena (HEI) Home, started in 2006, continues to grow and offer educational opportunities, as well as room and board, to the indigenous children living in remote mountain villages. The supporting board, headquartered in Puebla, continue to make improvements and expand the uses of their land to assist the Home in becoming more self-sufficient.

The philosophy of Caring Action for Children is to provide funds to start a Home and continue to give emotional and spiritual support during the early years, and gradually reduce the amount of financial support. With an education, students will have an opportunity to be fully integrated into Mexican society, and able to support themselves.

In 2008/2009 the local board and students began cultivating the land and now grow corn and other crops. In 2010 they initiated "The Chicken Project." Pictured above is the initial construction of the "Gallinero," (a chicken coop.) Funds from Caring Action donors have helped with construction and with the upcoming purchase of 100 egg-laying hens.

A number of years ago, a large financial gift from Norway purchased a van to transport children to their schools. The cost of needed maintenance and repairs was quite high last year. A local bus operator offered to provide the service at a reasonable cost. It is over 2 miles to the schools, and the students no longer have to walk to school with the van out of commission. The appreciate the extra time that can be spent for studying.

The Patronato (board) has started a photo gallery online to improve visibility and support from Mexican donors. Check out the photos at <http://tlaxiacoestudiantil.org/blog/>. You can also view pictures of the HEI home on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izCe3861GaQ&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL



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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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**Sleeping in a safe home, on a soft bed.
What a blessing for these children!**



Caring Action for Children has built and supports 7 different Children and Student Homes across Mexico. The children come in off the street, or are brought in by a parent that can no longer care for the child.

The little ones are able to relax, sleep, go to school, and not have to worry about where their next meal is coming from, or where they will sleep that night.

Your dollars are making such a difference for these precious children of God! **Thank you!**