

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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The Youth Homes support 26 students in Monterrey, NL

The **Cinco Banderas Home** for Young Men Students is still looking for a new Director. In the mean time, Oscar Flores, (one of the founding directors and patronato member,) with the help of the residents, are doing the chores. Caring Action sent additional funds for the remodeling of new dorms/study rooms for the young men. The remaining 3 dorms are on target to be completed before the fall semester.

The **Mano Home** for Young Women Students is looking for a few new residents. The facilities are reported to be in good shape. Christian Cruz is the part-time Director while she attends additional schooling.

...and 20 students in Tlaxiaco, Oaxaca

The **HEI Home** for Indigenous Male and Female Students can boast of its first University Graduate! Yiridia lived at the HEI Home for her elementary and high school years, and then moved to Puebla to study for a Nurse's Degree. Caring Action supported her with school funds. We congratulate her and wish her the best as she goes back to her village in the rural mountains of southern Mexico to put her new nursing skills to good use. Yridia's success is an inspiration to the other students in the HEI Home that are making plans to continue their studies.



A Native woman cleaning a cactus leaf to sell as a vegetable at the Street Market in Tlaxiaco

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Serving Abandoned
Children in Mexico
for 46 years

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A GIFT FROM THE HEART!

This Spring we received a very unusual gift for formerly abandoned babies. A note was included: **"Enclosed please find my baby shoes from 1947. Please pass them on to a new baby in Mexico!" T.G.**

At first I did not know what to do with this gift. I had never seen shoes on abandoned babies. I thought: "Only the well-to-do families in Mexico may put shoes on their babies. Perhaps they do that to show their wealth and wish the opportunities that goes with riches will go to the baby. Would I upset the care givers at the Baby Shelter if I brought the gift?"

Then it just came to me-Did T.G. wish as many blessings and opportunities he had received from God to go to an abandoned baby? This gift must have come directly from T.G.'s heart! I will surely bring the shoes to the Shelter when visiting next November! The shoes and wishes will pass to many babies!

Your gifts from the heart have made our Mission to Children and Youth continue for so many years. Christian futures have been your investment in The Kingdom of God here on Earth! Our Mexican care givers report many success stories as the former children keep in touch and sometimes pay back for the many blessings they have received.

Perhaps the picture of the Baby Shoes can remind you of all your blessings and remind you of your donations from the heart for those in Mexico who need the opportunities promised by God!

We pray many Blessings for You in the Fall Season! Tor, Your Director

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We welcome your donations, and offer three ways for you to give: 1.) Mail a check to Caring Action at the address on the back of the newsletter. 2.) Donate by credit card through Pay Pal from our website. 3.) Set up automatic monthly payments through your bank account. Any way you donate, our Donation Secretary will respond to you with a tax receipt. Thank You for considering our mission to children in Mexico!



From Pastor Anna-Kari Johnson, Caring Action for Children Board Member



A Message of Encouragement to Caring Action Donors and Volunteers:

Did you know Jesus has given you a loving family in Mexico?

What is it like to be an orphaned child in Mexico? I was afraid to find out, but I joined a board trip to visit the Caring Action Homes last spring.

Adopted! After visiting the Caring Action for Children's Homes, I can now tell you that **I feel adopted!** I feel part of a deeply committed Christian family that is Caring Action!

You, as Caring Action donors, have a FAMILY of hundreds of friends, homes and churches ready to receive you with open arms in Mexico!

I am very impressed that every Caring Action Home in Mexico has a local board or "patronato" of Mexican Church and community leaders. These leaders are blessings, each with compassion, faith and inspiration for connecting people. I'd like to introduce you to some amazing people in **your Caring Action family.**

In Monterrey, Caring Action visitors are welcomed into the loving home of patronato leaders Dr. Benjamin and Dr. Gloria Valdez. These two lifelong Caring Action volunteers glow with deep wisdom, passion and commitment for Caring Action's ministry to grow in excellence and capacity. Gloria is a university professor who mentors Caring Action students graduating into university study. She constantly finds ways to encourage more students to gain professional experience to serving others. She invests great energy for all the homes to advance. Benjamin is a skilled architect. He shares his talents with the Caring Action Homes, he is on the Patronato for Cinco Banderas, and he is a supportive mentor to the boys attending the universities.

Leticia Gutierrez is another amazing local board member who showers Caring Action leaders with love in Monterrey. She brings in new younger generations of Caring Action leaders and constantly rallies local support. Locally, she and her niece Joanna Cardona are gathering a growing group of local Mexican donors who each give \$10 USD every month. I myself feel inspired to join this effort and give \$10 every month to Caring Action. *Please pray about yourself joining this loving way of giving what you are able to the children every month.*

As Caring Action members, you also have hundreds of churches full of loving people to adopt you! Caring Action is not an isolated institution, but rather a ministry of faith, deeply embedded in the Church around the world. In Mexico, Caring Action efforts were born from leaders in major churches of Mexico. In Puebla, the Methodist bishop and many amazing local church leaders took us under their wings. These busy leaders shared their great passion for the details of life for the children. Local churches around the area would love to work with YOU to find ways to raise chickens, protect the children's farmland and hope to import a used church van. These congregations plus the millions of people of faith in Mexico are your **Caring Action family.**

How long will it take for every child in the world to be given enough to eat? How long will it take for every child to be surrounded with a loving family and the opportunities to go to school? How long will it take for children of impoverished communities to be able to achieve their higher educational goals and gain the strength as professionals to help thousands more children in their own communities? I hope to do my best to see many children's dreams come true during my lifetime. With humility, I recognize it will take involving many more people than myself to love and adopt all the children in this world.

I feel so thankful God has made us part of Caring Action for Children together. I am deeply grateful that Caring Action is a ministry of Christ's Church in the world. **"I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ."** Philippians 1:6



Mama Paulita Home

The Mama Paulita Home in El Limon, Tamps., cares for 40 Children in El Limon, Tamps. Extra funds were sent by Caring Action to help improve the laundry facility at the Home. The project should be finished this summer in time for the school season with so many uniforms to keep clean. The transfer to the schools in Monterrey proved to be a difficult transition for many reasons, so some of the older children are electing to continue their career education in the nearby city of Mante. While attending school in Mante, they continue to help with the younger children. One young man who grew up at Mama Paulita and graduated from college has offered to help with maintenance of the Home. The children are reported to be in good health.

The Shelter in Monterrey

42 babies and children live in The Shelter. They are cared for by several dedicated workers.....preparing food, washing clothes, and cleaning up after the children.

Caring Action for Children sent extra funds in the last quarter to the Shelter to help finish an apartment on campus for a permanent house parent couple to live in. Most of these funds were donated by a business man from Denmark. (Many thanks!) The current House Mother, Martha Rojas, must commute 1/2 hour from her house to the Shelter and she says that she is starting to think about retiring and serving on the Patronato Board. Interviews for Houseparents have been started. Donations from Mexicans enabled the Shelter to give the 7 helpers a bonus for Mother's Day. They all work very hard to give children much attention! Please keep the patronato and the children in your prayers as they search for a loving Christian couple to take on this amazing work.



"Did you hurt your foot?"



"Do you like my latest hairstyle?"

Esperanza Home

The 14 children in this Home located near Cancun in Bonfil, Q.R. range from ages 5 to 15. All attend local schools and the church in Cancun where the house parents, Pastor and Mrs. Mancilla also serve. Several attempts have been made to find a suitable live-in house parent but to date a mission minded couple has not been found. Two part time helpers are employed to cook and do laundry. Again, please keep the Esperanza Home in your prayers as they strive to care for God's precious children in the Bonfil area, and that the right houseparents will be found.

La Familia Home

The building of a second floor for youth dorms continues and may be finished later this year. Following construction, La Familia will be able to provide a loving home for up to 90 children. Several teams of US. volunteers have visited this year. Caring Action, along with a Pennsylvania area church are sponsoring a mission trip to La Familia 26 October to 2 November this year. Children enjoy visitors who give them a lot of attention and often recreation trips outside the home. This Summer the children were treated to a vacation trip to another Home near the Pacific Ocean. Visits to the beach were enjoyed by all!

