

## 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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for 45 years

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## Eggs → Chicks → Chickens → Eggs

Our newest project—the HEI Home (Hogar Estudiantil Indigena), is located in the mountains of southern Mexico, about 2 hours from Oaxaca. This Home was built to provide a place for students that live in the mountainous area to get an education. There currently are 20 young people living there, attending junior and senior high school, and dreaming of attending a university.



In an effort to become more self-sustaining and less reliant on our donations, we have worked with them to set up a Chicken Farm. The income from selling the eggs in the local village can supplement their monthly income from Caring Action as well as in-kind donations from some of the local churches. The chicken house has been built and there currently are 26 chickens, 25 hens, and 15 chicks. The eggs supplement the student's diet as well as provide some extra income from sales.



What is the biggest need for this Home right now? They desperately need a van (15 passenger, preferably) so they can transport the students back and forth from school. Right now they are using taxi's which is very expensive, as you can imagine. Ideally, a van would be purchased here in the USA, driven to McAllen Texas, where it can be taken across the border and driven south to Tlaxiaco. If anyone can help them with this project, please let Caring Action know, and we will work with you to make it happen.

Help us spread the word about the work that Caring Action for Children does for small children and young people in Mexico.....your dollars can make a difference in a child's life!

[www.caringaction.org](http://www.caringaction.org)

Check out our new web page! New articles will be posted monthly. Featuring stories of the children and young people we are supporting and giving an education. Also, make sure you visit our Facebook page and "like" it, so we can spread the word about Caring Action to your friends and family! We value your support!



## Odds and Ends...

### How can you help care for Gods' precious children in Mexico?

- Send a monthly donation—with the enclosed envelope, through our secure web site (PayPal), or through automatic monthly payments made through your online banking program.
- Tell your friends and families about Caring Action....share this newsletter, "friend" our facebook page, or invite them to check out our website. As our faithful donor base matures, it is vital that the new generations become involved in this important mission.
- Keep the children and their houseparents in your daily prayers.

Many thanks to the Memorial contributors to the Christine's Book Club for the Shelter Home.

A **Volunteer Mission Team** of 14 is being organized by Tor & May Jansen to visit the La Familia home in Palmarito, Mexico. It is scheduled for Oct. 26 to Nov. 2 to aid Mexican masons with light work, do needed house chores and most important give children some attention. Contact Tor at the above address if you are interested in joining this work trip.

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# CA Board member visit to Mexico

By Susan Newsom, Treasurer

This spring, I traveled with Shirley Becker (President) and Pastor Anna-Kari Johnson (Member) to visit a number of the children's homes that are supported by contributors to Caring Action for Children. In a whirlwind of airports, bus stations, taxi cabs, and faces we visited 5 homes and met with the Patronato of a sixth home in one short week. As many of you know, Shirley and I often take this Spring visit alone; this year we were excited and blessed to have Anna-Kari join us. Anna-Kari is a new member to the board of CAC. She is the outreach pastor at our home church in Hawthorne and is fluent in Spanish. We began our trip in Monterrey where we met with members and friends of the Patronato for **Mama Paulita** in Mante. We were advised not to travel to Mama Paulita this year because of the unrest in the area. We were informed that there are currently 47 children in the home. One of the oldest girls is attending the University, studying education. She is currently teaching at the Mama Paulita school. Funds from CAC were recently sent to assist in building a new laundry. The girls at the home do the laundry outside and it was felt that walls were needed to protect them and provide privacy. Construction was scheduled to begin on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The Patronato continues to have active fundraising within Mexico to help support the home.

We moved on to visit the **Shelter**, a home for infants and children. There are currently 43 children living in the home, ages 0-17. Construction is nearly complete on the new director's apartment. The library is complete and well furnished with books and computers. A literacy program is being worked on and the current need is for funds to hire a part time person to work with the children. We then visited **Mano**, the home for young women attending the University in Monterrey. There are currently 10 students. They greeted us and provided us with a brief bio of themselves, their current studies and plans for the future. This was an inspiring visit. They had recently received funds from CAC to purchase a computer-based language program. Our next stop in Monterrey was **Cinco Banderas** where 11 young men live while attending the University. We were again treated to brief personal biographies from the students and then shared a meal. We toured the new dorms under construction. When completed, they will be able to accept more boys into the program. Their current need is for a new houseparent. While searching for the right person, the role is currently being filled by Oscar, one of the original founders of the home.

On Thursday we traveled by plane, bus, and taxi to Puebla where we met with the Patronato for the HEI project in Tlaxiaco. We received an update on the students as well as the chicken project, the fence project, and the transportation issues. The patronato shared with us the campaigns they have initiated within the churches in their district to raise awareness and support of the home. On Friday, we and the patronato made the 5+ hour drive to the HEI home. As we neared the home, it was striking to see the amount of growth and expansion we saw in the community. This has blessings but has also led to some problems. Even with legal land survey documents in place, neighbors on three sides of the home have been encroaching on the land, building fences, gates and even walls. The fence project has become a priority. The patronato has plans to bring a work party from the church in Puebla to try and complete this project. The students and their fathers continue to assist with working the land, planting crops, caring for the chickens, etc... In addition to the fence, a high priority is to purchase a used 15 passenger van to transport the students and drive to the village. After an enjoyable visit, tour of the property, and visit to the village we made the long drive back to Puebla and prepared for our early morning trip back to Mexico City and our flight to Cancun and visit at Casa Hogar Esperanza in Bonfil.

Pastor Mancilla and his wife Esther continue as the houseparents to 12 children at Esperanza. The children range in age from 4-19. They report that support from the community continues to be low because of the economic conditions. Pastor Mancilla said they continue to pray that they will find the right couple to take over as directors of the home but "haven't found someone who has the kind of love needed for the children." It is obvious from the smiles, laughter, and frequent hugs that these children are loved and cherished in this home. We attended church services with the children Sunday morning and Sunday evening and then said our goodbyes.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve on the board for Caring Action for Children and for your continued support of this worthy organization. As we visited each home, we collected webpage addresses and facebook info when available which we will post on the CAC website. Please visit and follow the progress in these homes!



Back row, Anna-Kari Johnson, (CA board) Susan Newsom, (CA Treasurer) Gloria Rascon (CA Coordinator in Mexico). Front row, Leticia Gutierrez, (Mama Paulita board), Shirley Becker, (CA President) Joanna Cardona (Mama Paulita Board)

# Cinco Banderas



Cinco Banderas, one of the three Homes founded and supported by Caring Action for Children in Monterrey, Mexico, is a place where young men can safely live off the streets and complete their education.....from high school, to technological training, or to the university. Originally started as a place where boys growing up in our Children's Homes could come and live and complete their schooling, it is now open to young students who could otherwise not have the opportunity to learn a skilled trade. These students have graduated and moved on into careers as attorneys, doctors, computer programmers, engineers, and many other careers. But what is even better, many give back to Cinco Banderas, grateful for the opportunities they received. They serve on the Board of the Home, spend time with the young students counseling them, and help financially. "Cinco Banderas" means "five flags." These 5 flags represent the 4 countries that have financially and spiritually built and supported this Home, as well as the Christian flag, symbolizing the foundation of faith that the Home was built upon and guides the students daily.

This young man's name is Israel. He is 20 years old and is studying Chemical Science— Industrial Engineering and Administration. He is from the state of Nuevo Leon. He would like to thank our donors for the opportunity to complete his studies.



## Educational Focus at The Shelter

In 1995, Caring Action for Children partnered with a group of nurses in Monterrey to build a Home for babies and young children. Over the years, these babies have grown, and the Home now cares for 42 children age 6 months to 14 years old. Martha Rojas, the director of the Home, has had a vision....to not only feed and clothe and provide a crib or bed for the children, but to also provide a quality education, so that these children can grow up and become active, educated and well-employed members of the Mexican community. School work is emphasized, and children all work on homework when they return from school each day. Volunteer tutors from the university are invited to come and help the students with their schoolwork. In addition to traditional schooling, the children are also exposed to music and provided with musical training. A new library on their campus is being stocked with books so that the children have access to the world of literature.

Help us help these young students.....your regular monthly donations make it possible! Consider setting up automatic donations from your checking account so that we can ensure a constant education year round. You CAN make a difference in their lives!



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