

## 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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Serving Abandoned and Orphaned  
Children in Mexico  
for 46 years

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Imagine  
40 pairs  
of tennis shoes  
to keep clean!

That's how many children live at The Shelter—our Home for abandoned and orphaned children in the city of Monterrey in Mexico. Ranging from ages 3 months to 14 years, these children are blessed with loving caregivers, 3 nutritious meals a day, the opportunity to go to school, to learn a musical instrument, and to learn about God.

Caring for this many children requires an enormous amount of organization, dormitories, clothing including school uniforms and shoes, (another pair of shoes to keep clean!) and volunteers to help with homework, music lessons, maintenance of the buildings, and caring for the basics, such as getting 40 children showered and dressed every day!

Our Caring Action for Children board of directors is grateful for the founder and Housemother of The Shelter—Martha Rojas. A former nurse, she has dedicated her life to giving neglected children in Monterrey the chance to thrive and grow up with an education and a strong faith in God.

Each of the other Homes that Caring Action supports has similar stories—each has dedicated houseparents and boards, and they are making a difference in the lives of the children in their care. We thank them for their dedication to the smallest of God's family.



## Keeping Families Together

Often, the Department of Social Services in Mexico will bring an entire family of children to one of our Children's Homes.

The four children pictured here were brought to one of our Homes together when they were found on the streets with no place to go and no food to eat.

When they receive children from the government agency, they complete paperwork, of course, and then begin the responsibility of helping the children to adjust to life in the home. School clothing and shoes are purchased, and a trip to the school is made to get the child registered for classes.

The children are assigned their own bed and place to store their clothing and any belongings they have. They are given food to eat. And begin the process of learning to trust the houseparents. If siblings come along with the child, it can be a much more comfortable transition. Thanks to you, the children have a good home where they can study, grow, and develop into the people God has planned.



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Caring Action for Children needs to expand its donor base in order to maintain the support we send to Mexico every month. Please "like" us on Facebook! Thank you!

# ESPERANZA HOME FOR CHILDREN

*Bonfil, Mexico (outside of Cancun)*

Our Home in Bonfil was started over 20 years ago during the big construction boom in Cancun. The big hotels were being built, bringing in Mexicans from around the country to do the construction. These workers needed a place to live, and so the village of Bonfil was begun, roughly a 10 minute drive from downtown Cancun. Rough shacks were originally built and added on to over the years. These construction workers and then hotel workers started families. Children were born. Some were abandoned, some were orphaned.

A pastor serving in the area contacted Caring Action for Children and shared with us the need for a Home for these little children. We responded by raising funds and organizing volunteer work teams from the USA ----- little by little, the Esperanza Home was built and opened. Pastor Ascencio and his wife Esther were serving a church in downtown Cancun, and started a satellite church in Bonfil. They saw the children that badly needed homes, and offered to take care of these children. They have been houseparents for all these years. Many children have come through their door. Esther's warm and loving hugs and care have given these children the opportunity to know what it is like to grow up in a loving environment and to know how much God loves them as well. The children pile into the van several times a week to attend church and Sunday School at Pastor Ascencio's church. The children have grown up, gone off to further their education, and frequently come back to visit or to help out in any way they can.

We are so grateful to this couple for the many years of their lives they have given to care for God's children in this part of Mexico.



*Pastor Ascencio, left, with one of the boys living at Esperanza. Above, Esther stands with one of their "graduates" who comes back to help and offer support.*



## CINCO BANDERAS

### Home for Male Students

Our Cinco Banderas Home in Monterrey was originally started over 30 years ago to provide a place for the young men who grew up in our Children's Homes. They needed to go to the big city to further their education in the university and did not have a place to live and to study. Here, in addition to food and shelter, the young men participate in devotional times and attend worship services.



## MANO

### Home for Female Students

Pictured below you see some of the young women living in our MANO Home in Monterrey. By providing housing for them, we enable the women to get a good education in a Christian environment. Over the years, graduates have gone on to be nurses, teachers, engineers, accountants, and many more fields. This are the future professionals and leaders of Mexico.

