



Caring ACTION for Children, Inc.

A non-profit interdenominational organization dedicated to helping Mexican Christians care for the underprivileged 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.

For additional information, please email us at info@caringaction.org



Serving Abandoned and Orphaned Children in Mexico Since 1966

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Safe and Cozy Sleep

This is the bed of one of the little girls at **The Shelter Children's Home** in Monterrey. She is so happy to have her own bed in a safe place, with a stuffed animal to cuddle at night!



We just returned from visiting the Caring Action Homes in Monterrey and were especially glad to see the care and education (both academically and spiritually) that all of the 40 children at **The Shelter** receive.

While we were there, the pastor and a musician from a local church arrived for their weekly visit with the children. The children sang enthusiastically, watched the dramatic telling of a Bible story, and worked on a craft activity. The older children spent time learning how to play the recorder with the musician, were taught basic musicality, and created beautiful sounds together.

The state of Nuevo León is piloting a special program for the Casa Hogars (orphanages) in the state. They must meet stringent requirements, including two psychologists and a social worker hired to work daily with the children. You can imagine how this affects the salary line item for their budget, as the Home receives no funding at all from the state. However it has made it a much better place for children to thrive, which has been proven by the assessors that came and observed. With the help of our donors we hope to continue to provide the financial support they need to continue providing such a caring and supportive environment.

May God bless you and your family during this upcoming Christmas season. And as you plan your gift-giving, please remember these precious children and youth striving to receive an education, and send your tax deductible contribution to Caring Action for Children. Donations can also be made on our secure web site (www.caringaction.org) through PayPal.

Celebrating God's birth with you,
Shirley Becker, President, Caring Action Board of Directors

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Christmas Wish List

These are some of the immediate needs at several of the Homes. We hope you prayerfully consider helping us meet these needs:

The Shelter

Ongoing funding to pay the newly required psychologists and social workers helping the young children.

Mano Home

Washing machine repair

Plumbing issues

New ceiling fans

Mama Paulita

Complete the construction of a soccer field on their property so that it can be rented out and bring in income.

On-going Costs at all Homes

School uniforms & shoes

University registration fees

Textbooks

Transportation costs (Gas, bus tickets, etc..)

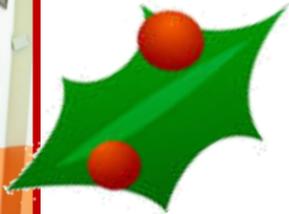
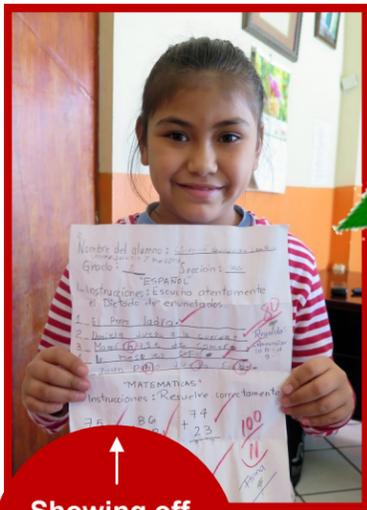
Work Party Being Organized

Have you ever wished that you could visit one of the Homes? Here is your chance! A work party is being planned for **Feb 20-27th, 2015**, to visit the Esperanza Home in Bonfil (close to Cancun).

Painting and odd jobs around the property need to be taken care of. Children need to be given hugs and played with! Estimate of the cost of the trip is \$600 per person plus airfare. This includes meals, hotel, insurance, a love gift, project money, and an outing to one of the famous beaches or archeological ruins. **Please contact Lensie Fensler at lensie@earthlink.net for more details.**



Violence and Corruption in Mexico — The answer is EDUCATION



Showing off her excellent test score!

There are over 4 million people between the ages of 14 and 30 in Mexico. Most are uneducated, with little hope for a decent career. Those that are fortunate enough to complete high school and receive an education in the university system are able to become self-sufficient and contributing members of their community and have the opportunity to make a difference. Change **WILL come** when people are able to understand the issues and work to be a part of the solution.



Above, a child at the Shelter just starting his education. To the left, one of our Cinco Banderas students that just graduated from the university in Monterrey and is ready to take his place in society and work to make a difference!

- For over 46 years, Caring Action for Children has focused on three goals:**
- To provide shelter and food to children that are in need
 - To share the love of Christ with them
 - To assist young people in Mexico in completing their education so that they in turn can help others

We believe that only when these three goals are met, and specifically goal #3, that Mexico will become a place for children and families to thrive and feel safe. That is why we have two Homes in Monterrey for young people striving to complete an education at the universities, learn a career, and start giving back to others. The Mano Home for young women houses 10 girls who are working on their goals to become engineers, nurses, teachers, and an attorney. Our Cinco Banderas Home provides a place for up to 12 young men to stay while they work on degrees in mathematics, engineering, etc. Paying just a minimal amount each month toward food costs, these young men and women are able to attend a school they would normally not be able to attend.



Students are so grateful to be able to live at the Mano Home while attending the universities.



Mama Paulita



The children at the **Casa Hogar Mama Paulita Home** in El Limon were blessed to have a special treat this summer. The board of directors brought all the children to Monterrey for a few days (a 5 hour bus trip.) Each child had the opportunity to visit a doctor, dentist, and ophthalmologist for check-ups, as it is not safe right now for them to go into town where they live, due to the gangs roaming their neighborhood.

They also participated in a “summer camp,” visited the zoo, the Planetarium, and parks and museums. One of the highlights of the trip was a large “**family reunión.**” Many of the former and now grown-up Mama Paulita children came with their own children to visit. Everyone was so happy to see each other and hear the testimonies of the time when they lived at Casa Hogar. It was a time of tears and gratitude.

