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First Impressions: a Visit to the Homes

Ever since I first became involved with Caring Action for Children about seven years ago, I've wanted to travel to Mexico to visit the Children's Homes that Caring Action has supported for more than 50 years. As I've worked with the website and social media accounts for the organization, I've learned a lot about the important work we do, but until recently I hadn't had the opportunity to witness it in person. Now, having had the chance to visit four of the Homes, I was inspired by the children and young adults I had the opportunity to meet and amazed at their positive attitudes and huge ambitions.



In Monterrey, we visited the **Mano Home**, which houses young women pursuing higher education, and the **Cinco Banderas Home**, which provides the same for young men—a place to live while working to further their education. At both Homes, I felt a sense of community that I was happy to see extended beyond the students' stay in the Homes. At Mano, several graduates have become involved with the Patronato (the board or managing group), and at Cinco Banderas we saw a few recent tenants who check in from time to time and offer mentorship to current residents. At these Homes, we heard from students who were pursuing careers in engineering, environmental fields, and many other areas, learning how appreciative they were to have a place to live during their studies, offering stability they might not otherwise have.

Also in Monterrey is the **Shelter for Mothers and Babies**, which provides support for young children and mothers in need. I was impressed by the outdoor spaces around this Home, with playground equipment, soccer goals, lots of open space, and many fruit trees. The Shelter is also home to a recently updated library, which is a tremendous resource for the children living there. We saw many children around the Home watching TV, reading in the library, and playing in the courtyard, and it was great to see that they were happy!

After our visits in Monterrey, we traveled to Mante to see the **Mama Paulita Children's Home**, which is the first one Caring Action supported. I will share some great information from this Home next month, as we were fortunate to be present at a wonderful celebration.



It was incredible to see these Homes in person and meet so many of the children and young people that Caring Action has been able to support. One of the most eye-opening things I noticed during this, my first trip to Mexico, was the huge imbalance in wealth and living conditions as large stretches of run-down buildings were often separated by brand new office buildings and restaurants. What was clear, however, was that those in need far outnumbered the wealthy, reinforcing the need for support like that which Caring Action provides. I'm incredibly grateful to be part of an organization that does such important work, and this trip has shown me that there is still so much to do. Within the Homes we visited, we found opportunities for repairs and improvements that we will share in the coming months as we develop campaigns to support further work. As we move forward and continue our work to support children and youth in need, I ask that you consider becoming involved as well. Your generosity has been instrumental in the progress we've made and has made a huge difference in the lives of so many children! Thank you so much for your continued support.

Josh Varone, Caring Action for Children Board Member

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- 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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A student at Cinco Banderas



Hello! My name is Carlos and I'm a student in the Mechanical Engineering program at UANL, one of the best universities in Mexico. I was born at Huimanyuillo, Tabasco, a little town at the southern part of the republic. Being here at this house is a blessing for me. It makes me feel that God watches my steps, taking care of me. The people that are around me support me, since I came here very far from my home. It is a big blessing for my Christian life. I am very thankful for all the people that support this project.
Thank you!

The Shelter in Monterrey

The children at The Shelter in Monterrey have a new opportunity to add to their education. A computer lab has been set up in one of the buildings on the property, and a computer tutor comes to work with the children every week. This is exciting to us because the younger children will gain experience and become familiar with technology before they go on to high school, giving them the opportunity to thrive and learn to their potential.

Thank you to all of you that have donated to Caring Action during the past year. As always, 100% of your dollars are being sent directly to Mexico to support the children we care for.



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