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MAMA PAULITA— Celebrating 60 YEARS of CARING

In our last newsletter, Josh Varone, one of our board members, shared with you information about our November visit to the Homes we have built and support in the Monterrey area. After our visits in Monterrey, we traveled to Mante in the state of Tamaulipas to visit the **Mama Paulita Children's Home**, which is the first Home that Caring Action for Children supported. It was wonderful for us to visit there, as we had not been able to travel to that area for many years due to the gang violence in the area. Josh has written some of his impressions of our visit to Mama Paulita.

"When we arrived, we met many children and toured the expansive facilities: they have plenty of space for the children to sleep, eat, and play, as well as an on-site school, which is also open for free to children and families in the surrounding community. It was incredible to see how joyful and open the children were—many came up to us to say 'hi' and ask us to play, and several of the children practiced their English (which was good, since my Spanish is severely lacking). Again, it was great to see that the children were well taken care of and seemed to be truly happy.

We were also fortunate to be present for a very special occasion as the Home hosted a celebration of their 60-year anniversary. Many decorations went up, the children were dismissed from school early, and we heard from the children, their teachers, and community members how important the Home has been in their lives. I'm so glad that we were able to experience that event and it underscores the importance of the work Caring Action for Children does. While I was aware of much of the background regarding these Homes and their histories, nothing could have prepared me for the feeling of experiencing it firsthand. I don't know what I expected, but I was blown away by the positivity, joy, and determination from children and leaders alike."

This Home was started 60 years ago by Senora Matilda de Ruiz who took in some children off the street. Caring Action for Children became involved in 1966 when Trygve Jansen, a teacher, was traveling through Mexico, met Senora de Ruiz and saw the need, and began raising funds to help care for the children and to build the Mama Paulita Home.

The Fiesta we participated in on our trip was special to us because both family members of the founding Mexicans and family members of Trygve Jansen were present and able to celebrate the growth of the Home and hear the stories of the many children who grew up there and now have successful careers and their own families. In addition to hearing the testimonies of these men and women, we were

serenaded with a beautiful song written for the occasion. We were very blessed to be present at this special celebration!



Pictured here are the many children living at Mama Paulita, staff members, families of the founding families, and Caring Action for Children board members.

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Introducing Young Women Studying at the Mano Home in Monterrey



These college students are living in the Mano Home, working on gaining an education and career. Let me introduce you to them, from left to right:

- Stephanie is studying Nutrition
- Velem is studying Business Administration, specializing in Agriculture
- Naomi is studying Mechanical Engineering
- Kenia is studying Dentistry

We commend them for their hard work and dedication to beat the odds and succeed in making a difference in their society!

Needs for Mano Home—can you help?

The Mano Home is an older building and in need of repairs. We came home with a list of projects that need to be addressed when the funds become available.

- The roof has been repaired—thank you! Now the damage on the inside walls (as seen to the right) needs to be fixed.
- New Ceiling Fans are desperately needed in the bedrooms. It gets very hot and humid for much of the year.
- Toilet fixtures need to be replaced.
- Students are washing their clothing by hand as the washing machine is broken beyond repair.



If you feel led to help make this Home a place more conducive to studying, please indicate on your donation the word "MANO." Thank you!

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