



Noticias from Mi Casa

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Lives You Touch

Five-year-old Teresa and nine-year-old Celeste are sisters whose mother is a prostitute and father is an alcoholic. Their parents have been separated for 3 years. Be-



cause of his wife's immoral life, their father became responsible for them. Due to his alcoholism, he was not able to care for them so he took them to El Buen Pastor Mission in Saltillo, Coahuila. Sometimes their mother threatens to remove them from the home and take them away. They are afraid to go with her because they have seen the danger they would be in. Teresa and Celeste are very smart, but often become depressed about their situation. They are very appreciative for their home at El Buen Pastor and for the love and nurturing care they receive from their "new family." Both say that they are very grateful to you, their benefactors, who make their "home" possible.



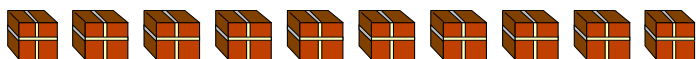
Executive Director, Rick Jones, visits with Enrique de la Garza about his life at Casa de Reposo Home in Linares, Nuevo León. Enrique has lived with his wife, Alicia, at Casa de Reposo for several years. They are a cheerful couple who smile easily and are always happy to have visitors. He told Rick that his past 70 years of marriage to Alicia have felt like just a short period of time! They are both very content to have each other and to have a place like Casa de Reposo to call home.

A Night in Old Mexico

Our Gala, with Bishop Tom Flanagan as honorary chairman, is scheduled for October 7, at 6:30pm, at the Hilton Airport Hotel. Emceed by Sonny Melendrez, it promises to be a fun night of dinner, entertainment, and live and silent auctions. We will also have one of our missionaries present to share the labor of love that she is experiencing at one of our missions. Your participation in this Gala will help to promote our much needed ministry in Mexico. Look for your invitation in the mail in the next few weeks!

Looking for items

The items for our Gala auctions are donated by generous people like you. If you have new or slightly used items that you would like to donate, please give us a call. Past auction items have included: art pieces, tickets to professional games, computer equipment, sports equipment, airline tickets, hand-crafted and collector's items, fishing trips, gift certificates of all kinds, and just about anything of value. Your generosity will help the disadvantaged children and elderly of Mexico. If you would like to help, please contact Sylvia Villarreal at 495-7474 (work) or 764-2525 (home).



Muchas Gracias to:

- the members of the following Churches for their generosity to our missions:
 - St. Margaret Mary - Winterpark, FL
 - Our Lady of Lourdes - Melbourne, FL
 - St. John Berchman - San Antonio, TX
- Xerox agent, Century Business Equipment, for printing our newsletter, note cards, and advertisements for our Gala





Mission Trip a Success

On June 11, a dedicated group of volunteers gathered to give a week of service to El Buen Pastor Mission in Saltillo, Coahuila. The Mission cares for girls between the ages of 5-25 who have been neglected, abandoned, abused, or whose parents cannot afford to care for them. The volunteer group included Kenny & Melissa Bowen, Teresa Campos, John Dieterle, Annie Gregory (California), the Harrison Family (Doug, Kathy, & Brandy), Rick & Daniel Jones, Mary Pint (New Mexico), Delia Rodriguez, Juanita Salinas, and Effie Williams. They painted and made new curtains for the dormitory, kitchen, and for the play and learning areas of the house for the younger girls. They also repaired numerous pieces of furniture and acquired 48 new nightstands for the girls. It was a week to remember as the group made new friendships and memories that will last a lifetime. May God bless each of them for helping to make a difference in the lives of these needy children of Mexico.

Classifieds: WANTED

We are setting up a Community House for our missionaries in Querétaro. These missionaries are committing a year of their lives to caring for the needy children at El Oasis del Niño Mission. We are renting a building with very few furnishings. You can help us furnish a "home" for our devoted missionaries. Please consider donating either these items or money to acquire them:

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| Pots & Serving Bowls | Cooking utensils |
| Pillows (bed & sofa) | Dishes & Silverware |
| Potholders | Small lamps |
| Table cloth (4' x 6') | Cleaning supplies |
| Placemats | Towel rack |
| Soap Dispenser | TV (19-25") |
| Toothbrush holder | Video/DVD combo |
| Bed linens (twin) | Microwave |
| Bath & kitchen linens | Mini-fridge |

If you would like to help, please contact Tom or Carol Strickler at (210)522-9529 by August 1st.

To Trust or not to Trust?

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