



# Noticias from Mi Casa

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Helping those who cannot help themselves

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## Missioner's Loving Arms

Daniela is one of the quiet ones who has such a strong spirit. I am more of a big brother than a parent to her. She comes to me when she feels mistreated or sad. I've learned that just being present helps turn her sadness to joy. A hug, a tickle, a toss up in the air or a long push on the swing goes a long way.

Now that I think about it, we rarely speak to each other at all. She likes to pull on my arm hair and giggle. My most memorable times are when she comes to me in tears of sadness and I really feel her sorrow. Her heart-rending teardrops fall on my arms. After a hug and some "big brother" time, she blurts out a giggle. I get to see that pretty smile and the gloomy weight is lifted. After that, I get her to squeal by acting goofy or tickling her. As I leave her with her friends, she gives me a look over her shoulder that says, "I'm good now, thank you.....my heart is cheerful."

The other day, I watched her get snubbed by a sassy older girl. She sat alone and contemplated with a confused look on her face. After a few minutes, she was right in the middle of the group trying to play with the older girls. Once again, she was pushed away. She had a disappointed, sad look on her face, but she didn't cry.

Instead, she gathered herself and she went to the swing set. After a few minutes, she was swinging upside-down with the biggest smile on her face. She didn't need those other girls; she was having a grand time discovering her new calling as a gymnast. Since then, I've noticed that she loves to be upside-down. Often, she asks me to hold her upside-down and finds ways to sit in her chair upside-down.

One day, she was crying and I swooped her up and held her up high from her ankles and she instantly went into giggle mode. Ah, the mystifying joy of a child.

I wish I could see the difference she will make in the lives of the people that she meets. She has already made a difference in mine!

by Missioner Jonathan Dooley

**"Eat for a Cause"**

**w/Harry Wurzbach & the 410s Band**

The Blue Cactus Café along with Harry Wurzbach & the 410s Band are sponsoring an "Eat for a Cause" Night to support the Mi Casa Foundation on Thursday, May 17, from 6-9pm. Mention that you are dining to support the Mi Casa Foundation and Blue Cactus will donate \$2 from every adult dinner and \$1 from every beer, wine or margarita purchased by our supporters. Your participation will help provide food for the impoverished children at the Casa Hogar de Niños Mission.

## Missioners Wanted

We are accepting applications for committed volunteers wanting to serve for a year at one of our missions in Mexico. The commitment is from July 26, 2007 through August 3, 2008. If you or anyone you know would be interested, give us a call or visit our website.

## Receiving More than You Give

Enclosed is a flyer for our Mission Trips this summer. On the June trip, we will be sewing curtains, painting, and doing carpentry, electrical & plumbing repairs. On the August trip, the projects are to build a roof over a laundry area, paint, sew curtains, and complete electrical & carpentry repairs. If you would like to join us, fill out the enclosed flyer and return it.

**Important Announcement: A U.S. Passport is not required for either of these trips. You will only need a certified copy of your birth certificate.**

**Muchas Gracias**

- Xerox agent, Century Business Equipment, for printing our newsletter and flyers for our mission trips.
- Padgett, Stratemann, & Co., LLP for preparing our 2006 IRS return.

## What you have made possible...

Due to your generosity, we have been able to provide the following services this year at some of the missions we support:

- Provide funding for roof repairs at the El Oasis del Niño Mission in Querétaro, where the roofs were degrading and had become a danger to the children at the home.
- Provide funding for food and medical supplies at the Casa San José Mission in Linares, where they care for elderly who are chronically ill.
- Provide special medicated shampoo for the children at Hogar de Niños Mission in Saltillo, where they had an outbreak of lice among the children. The lice were introduced to the home by children whose parents couldn't properly care for them.
- Support our missionaries who provide love and care for children who have experienced abuse, abandonment, and neglect.

We are in the process of acquiring a heavy-duty washer and dryer for Hogar de Niños to replace the old residential machines, so that the children can have clean clothes to wear to school.

## Mark Your Calendar

Our 2007 Gala, A Night in Old Mexico, will be held on October 13 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel. Come and enjoy an evening of food, music, and Mexican dance presentations.

If you would like to support our ministry by donating items for our auctions such as travel miles, use of vacation lodging, Mexican items or artifacts, new items, services, etc., or if you are interested in sponsoring a table, please give us a call.

## Want to Make a Lasting Tribute?

Several of our donors have celebrated memorable milestones in their lives by making our ministry a central part of their celebration. In lieu of gifts for their birthday, wedding, and baptism, they requested that donations be made to the Foundation. These gifts have helped the children in the missions we support have a loving home, and the elderly have a dignified life. You also can make a difference in their lives by offering your gifts to them. Simply ask your family and friends to make a donation to Mi Casa Foundation as a tribute to your memorable occasion. You will receive a tribute card for each donation made on your behalf. Your generosity will help a child or elder receive the blessings that you receive daily in your life!



Many thanks to Knights of Columbus Council 786 for sponsoring the Fish Fry Dinners during Lent to support our ministry.

## What's in a Mission Statement?

The Foundation's mission statement is:

*"To help children obtain an education in a healthy, enriching environment, and the elderly have a dignified end of life."*

This statement guides us in our ministry to support homes that accept children who have been abandoned by their parents, abused or neglected by their families, or orphaned with no one to care for them, and homes that accept elderly who have been abandoned by their families or who have no living relatives. Your support of our ministry helps provide refuge to those most affected by poverty. God bless you for your continued generosity.

## New Video Depicts Foundation's Work

Our new 4½-minute video has been uploaded to our website. Many thanks to Ann Gregory, Joe Conger, and Robert Armstrong who recorded, edited, and converted the video so that we could offer it on our website. It shows the loving work that you help to provide through your donations. You can view the video by clicking the "Video" link on the main menu.



*The children, elderly, and staff of the missions we support pray that you have a happy and blessed Easter Season as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!*