



# Noticias from Mi Casa

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## A New Life for Robertito

Roberto is a 7-year-old little boy whose father died when he was only two years old. His mother cared for him and his two brothers alone. Due to her heavy work schedule, Roberto and his brothers stayed at home instead of going to school. At the tender age of five, Roberto burned his leg while boiling water for cooking. This distressing incident opened his mother's eyes to realize that she needed help and brought Roberto to Casa Hogar de Los Pequeños Mission. At the mission, he receives the necessary education and individual attention he deserves. With his new friends at the mission, his life is now full of happiness and he has found a new reason to smile: Fútbol Soccer! *With your help, Robertito is winning the fight against ignorance and building a better future.*



## 2008 Dinner Gala

*A Night in Old México* will take place Saturday, September 27, at Holy Spirit Banquet Hall. The evening will begin at 7:00pm and will include dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. The emcee for the evening will be Sonny Melendrez. Watch for your invitation in the mail.

If you are interested in supporting our ministry by sponsoring a table or donating auction items such as travel miles, use of vacation lodging, Mexican items/artifacts, or any other items and services, please give us a call.

This year, we are trying something new by providing an opportunity for our out-of-town donors to participate in our Gala auction. To join the excitement of online bidding on some really great items, visit [www.micasafoundation.org](http://www.micasafoundation.org) beginning September 22. Let the bidding begin!

## What you made possible...

Due to your generosity, we were able to aid the missions in the following ways:

- Gotita de Amor in Jalpan, Querétaro:
  - Constructed a downstairs dormitory restroom, including sinks, commodes and showers
  - Provided much needed school supplies, clothes, and bed sheets for the children
  - Installed a reserve water tank since the utility-provided water goes out regularly
  - Installed large propane tank to provide sufficient cooking gas
  - Installed entrance doors and shower doors for the upstairs bathrooms to provide the children privacy
  - Installed a firm driveway to the building which was not previously accessible when raining
- Funded construction of caretakers' lodging, staff salaries, and utilities for Casa San José
- Provided 4 full-time missionaries for the past year. Due to their selfless and loving commitment, the children received the love, care and attention they were not getting at home

## Muchas Gracias

- Mary Pint, John Willcox, Jessica Ranweiler, and Holly Davis for dedicating the past year of their lives to serve the needy children in Mexico.
- Ottis Poston Guide Service and Pelican Bay Resort in Rockport, TX for the fishing trip with lodging that they donated for our auction at "Eat for A Cause."
- Xerox agent, Century Business Equipment, for printing our newsletter.



(top row, l-r) Robert Sosa, Terry Boeck, Rich Bielling, John Dieterle, Rick Salgueiro, John Willcox, Rick Jones, (2nd row) Laura Gonzales, Rosanna Beilling, Holly Davis, Jessica Ranweiler, (3rd row) Delia Rodriguez, Mary Pint, Pat Ponce, Rox Monterastelli, April Tovar, (4th row) Maria Alonso, Margaret Lopez, Laura & Marisa Salgueiro, and Lorena Alonso.

### Mission Trip Success

We just returned from a mission trip to Gotita de Amor Mission in Jalpan, Querétaro. We were blessed to have 21 volunteers join us for this trip from Texas, Florida, Wyoming, New Mexico, Colorado, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. These hard working volunteers did an amazing job painting the inside of the mission and constructing six closets for the children.

Gotita de Amor, the smallest and poorest of the missions that we help, cares for five siblings who were all fathered by different men. Their mother died of AIDS just before the opening of the mission. Without the home, the children would not have had anywhere to go because no other family members could afford to raise them. Thanks to our generous donors like you, we were able to help open and maintain this mission to care for these children.

### Another Weeklong Mission Opportunity

Join us for a week this fall on our mission trip to Saltillo on November 15-22. Projects include sewing curtains, painting, carpentry, electrical and plumbing repairs. If you would like to participate, download a flyer from our website and mail it to us, or give us a call. *Important: A U.S. Passport is not required for this trip. However, you will need a certified copy of your birth certificate.*



### Life Insurance as a Gift?

Using life insurance as a charitable gift offers several opportunities. It can be done as simply as adding the charity as a full or partial beneficiary of the policy. Another option is to gift the policy to the charity and receive a current income tax deduction. Life insurance provides a major gift to a charity with no extra “out-of-pocket” costs. Either of these options could also result in lower estate taxes for the donor.

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