



# Noticias from Mi Casa

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## The Bright Side of Oliver

Oliver is a thin, street-smart 10-year-old boy that is being raised by his grandmother.



Although he seems like any other boy his age, he has a quiet tendency to shelter himself from any personal relationships that might cause him pain. He has good reason for this. His

mother is a prostitute who abused him to the point that his grandmother was forced to take initiative and take custody of him. Knowing that she could not raise him on her own, she brought him to the mission. At the mission, he is cared for by religious brothers and volunteers who are better able to give him the care, attention, guidance, and love that he so desperately needs.

Since he has arrived, Oliver has shown consistent and healthy growth in his academic and spiritual life as well as in his relationships with the other boys. Now he is one of the most trustworthy leaders of the younger boys and is making a positive transition into adolescence. *With the help of generous donors like you, the brighter side of Oliver has begun to overshadow the pain from his past.*

### Gracias

*A special "thank you" to departing board member, Mark Runge. He served on our board of directors for two 3-year terms, and four of those years he served as chairman. Thanks for all of your hard work, and God bless you as you continue to serve Him!*

## Muchas Gracias

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**Xerox agent, Century Business Equipment,  
for printing our newsletter and  
Gala publications.**

## For Eva: Dignity

Eva was brought to Casa San Jose in July of 2005 at the age of 81. She had been abandoned by her family, was all alone, and had given up on herself. Fortunately, a distant relative



brought her to the mission. She is suffering from Alzheimers and is now receiving the care and attention she deserves in her final years.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Executive Director, Rick Jones, who recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday! In lieu of gifts, the Jones family requested that donations be made to Mi Casa Foundation. Many thanks to them as well as all of their friends and family for helping destitute children and elderly in Mexico while celebrating a special event in their lives.

## 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, baptism, even upcoming Christmas parties, or flowers for the funeral of a loved one, 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 some of the blessings that you receive daily in your life!

## What your generosity made possible...

- ~Helped fund salaries and monthly expenses so that Casa San Jose Mission can continue serving the elderly.
- ~Paid tuition for 12 students at El Puente de Esperanza Mission in Queretaro so they can receive a high school education which was unattainable without the help of the mission.
- ~Helped to keep Villa Infantil Gotita de Amor Mission in Jalpan in operation so that they can continue caring for local children without homes during these difficult economic times.
- ~Prepared and sent forth two new yearlong missionaries to care for the needy children in Mexico.
- ~Welcomed back our six yearlong missionaries from this past year and prepared them for the difficult re-entry into U.S. culture.

