



CASA HOGAR Benito Juárez, A. C.

Winter 2005

Notes from Fran & Carol Marin



Marin Family
Fran & Carol
Xu, Pedro y Nayeli

Outreaches.....

A new outreach to help establish a home for children in Nicaragua.

Outreach to the people working at the garbage dump continues. Prepared meals are taken two times weekly.

Recently, an outreach to poor people's hospital has started. Sandwiches, coffee, clothing and blankets are distributed twice weekly. Each week people are accepting Christ.

Busy year? You bet! Good fruit? The best! Worth the stress? Without a doubt God is great, and His mercy endures FOREVER.....which is a LONG time!

Thanks be to God and to each of you, we have been blessed beyond measure. There are still many areas of need and many things to be done. With God's guidance and your participation it will all be accomplished.

We are grateful for your love, prayers and faithfulness. Hang on because the BEST is yet to come.

We love you & appreciate you!
His Joyful Servants,
Carol & Fran

The year at a glance

2005 has been quite a year!

Our Family.....
Planning Nayeli's wedding

The children & youth at Casa Hogar.....

Twelve children from Casa Hogar made decisions for Christ and were baptized.

Casa Hogar becomes home for ten new children & begins to help twelve new children on an external basis.

There are now 70 children living here and 25 children are being helped externally.

This summer, two workers and one youth went to Costa Rica and Nicaragua on an outreach.

Two youth receive full scholarships for college.

The children's GPA's continue to improve.

Twenty-seven youth from Casa Hogar attended three youth events & retreats, they were touched by the power of God.

Our Church.....

Palabra Viva Church is remodeled to seat 500.

Casa Hogar.....

Major renovations plus remodeling on the existing structures at Casa Hogar.

Twenty-five visiting groups came to bless us with their hard work and diligence.



Family News!

Congratulations Nayeli Marin & Arturo Hernandez

Their wedding was held at Palabra Viva Church
on December 10, 2005

Spotlight Child

Fernando is our newest child here at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez. In his short life he has been subject to many negative circumstances, but in spite of this, he is a happy, fun loving child.

"Nando", as he is affectionately called, is a Chinanteco Indian who likes to help in the workshop. He is learning to ride a tricycle and loves to play on the swing set, both of which are new experiences for him since coming to live here.

His baby brother lives with his mom out near the garbage dump, and we are trusting that all of this changes. Although their lives are rooted in hardship and pain, the changes will prove to be blessings for all of them.

Fernando is in need of sponsors. Contact Sandra Vold at tiasandravold@yahoo.com or write to her c/o New Covenant Church if interested in sponsoring a child. Thank you.



**Fernando Hernandez
Rodriguez**

Birth Date ~ March 15, 2002



**Aunt Sandra with her
helper Kaitlyn**

Greetings from Minnesota!
In late October I visited Casa Hogar and did a road trip with Carol!

The road trip was to pick up Nayeli's wedding dress and get supplies for the wedding. During the trip we also picked up the additional silk flowers needed so I could do the bridal party flowers and the archway (I am a former florist). It was a pleasure and blessing to assist in some of the work for Nayeli's wedding.

Sandra Vold

**Congratulations
Nayeli & Arturo**

My Big Helper

For the summer & winter newsletters I had a new recruit to help me with the folding, labeling, taping and posting of the newsletter. Four-year old Kaitlyn volunteered to help her aunt get the news out to all of you. She told me that she wants to help with the next newsletter too.

Thank you Kaitlyn.

Remember, no one is neither too young or too old to serve the Lord and be a servant.

Changes in a life - When I first met Esther Cruz Martinez, she was shy and in her own little world. The numerous times I have visited Casa Hogar she was always the same. In the last year a flower has bloomed. The flower is singing, learning and participating in "family" activities & chores.

Thank you for your prayers!

- Sandra

Praise the Lord. FINALLY Esther is able to go to school, where she is working hard at learning Braille. On Saturdays, she goes to the Braille library and has lessons to learn how to play the recorder.

A special thanks to Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall, Michigan, for your concert effort in getting Esther into school. Mil Gracias! - Carol Marin



Jon LaRoche from Massachusetts is volunteering here until February. He has been busy teaching English to Fernando Cruz Martinez and his sister Esther, so they will be ready for their (hopeful) trip to Texas in the spring. The trip is to attend a conference for the blind. Pray that we will be able to get their passports and visas.

Read about Jon's experiences at Casa Hogar at the Simply Smiles website. Go to simplysmiles.org and click on Jon's Journal. Plus read about the work of Simply Smiles.

Federico, a 31 year old blind man, who lived at Casa Hogar for many years has finally finished his masters degree in government relations. He is the first blind person in the state of Oaxaca to receive a masters degree. Federico did this without the help of his biological family.

He has started a non profit organization called Manos Que Vean (Hands That See), which has opened doors for many blind youth here in Oaxaca to have access to education that they were previously unable to receive.

We congratulate him and are blessed by his perseverance.

Cristina & Mariabel, our two newest university students have both been awarded a one year scholarship. It is a private university where Cristina will be studying elementary education and Mariabel will be studying business administration. This is an answer to prayer because of all the problems that the government run schools present. Mariabel has been waiting for three years to enter the university!



One generation shall praise thy works to another

Psalm 145:4

God has given each of us a unique opportunity by allowing us to praise Him. One of the most important ways that we can declare our love for Him is by telling others who He is and what he has done in our lives...in other words by praising His works to one another! And that is exactly what our University students are doing as they care for the smallest children here at Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", A. C.

Amidst the busyness of their studies, each of our college kids has the responsibility of being a dorm parent. Yes, they are very occupied, but they are never too busy to take the time to love on these pequeños and to teach them the wonders of our God. They declare that these chiquitos will not be a perverted and unbelieving generation, but rather that they will be pure, strong and faithful. And they are able to do it because people like you care and share. Thank you for helping us to be able to pass the baton from one generation to another, declaring His almighty works.

Praise &
Prayer Reports
Rejoice!



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"And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you he shall not lose his reward." Mt. 10:42

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Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", A. C., is a non-profit Children's Home situated in Oaxaca, Oaxaca, México.

Founded in November of 1974 by quadriplegic Al Baker, Casa Hogar has withstood the test of time and continues to diligently care for special needs children in the state of Oaxaca. In the past 30 years, over 200 indigenous children have called Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", their home.

Casa Hogar "Benito Juárez", A. C., is a Christian Ministry dedicated to proclaiming the truth of Jesus Christ and to showing forth God's love to all in need.

For more information, please contact Pastor Bernie Wing at Grace Life Church, 305 Camden, Box 406, Marshall, MN, 56258.

Day of the Kings

Dia de los Reyes Magos (Epiphany), this is the day that gifts are traditionally exchanged as it represents the day that the Kings arrived at the Nativity to give their gifts to the baby Jesus.

The children at Casa Hogar will celebrate the day with having a party and receiving gifts. Since many of our children are gone during the Christmas holiday with family, we bless the children & celebrate on Day of the Kings.



**From Our Home
to Your Home
Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year**

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