



CASA HOGAR *Benito Juárez, A. C.*

April 2005

Notes from Fran and Carol Marin

FAR OFF.....

"For the promise is for you and your children, and for ALL who are FAR OFF, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself." Acts 2:39

This promise of the Holy Spirit and of Salvation is for us and our children, and even our "FAR OFF" children.

Having just returned last night from a surprise five day trip to Costa Rica & Nicaragua, this verse leaped off the page as it was read.....FAR OFF. Well, for Fran and I, both Costa Rica (where Beto, who is blind from birth and was the first child to come to Casa Hogar 30 years ago, lives) and Nicaragua (where we have four new "children" whom we were privileged to lead into God's kingdom as we visited the town of Esteli to give counsel and encouragement on raising up youth homes) are FAR OFF.

What joy and pleasure to be a part of the lives of those who are "FAR OFF"! Do you have loved ones who are "FAR OFF"? Remember the promises!

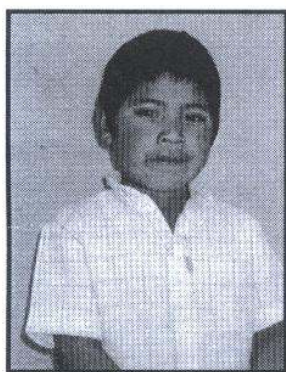
Carol and Fran were in Costa Rica & Nicaragua from April 12-16.



Marín Family
Fran & Carol
Xu, Pedro y Nayeli



Pedro (far left) and
his friends at school.



**David
Reyes
Martinez**

Birthday ~ August 12, 1998

Spotlight Child

David Reyes Martinez is from the Mije Region of Oaxaca, where his father is a subsistence farmer. Meji was the only language David spoke prior to coming to Casa Hogar in August 2004. He is a quick learner and is grasping the Spanish language. Presently he is in kindergarten.

David likes to be a helper. One of the things he especially likes to help with is cleaning the school bus, plus he enjoys going on the bus route when he is not in school.

One would describe David as fun loving and a little boy who is quick to smile. David, like many of the children who come to Casa Hogar, has a great need. His need is to have significant dental work done.

Be a part of David's life and other children at Casa Hogar Benito Juárez through participating in the child sponsorship program.

Sponsors are needed for the newest children

Praise Reports

Vicente is attending school and has hearing aids. He is also adjusting well to life at Casa Hogar.

Solexico, a language school in Oaxaca sends volunteers every day to assist us. From 9 a.m. to noon daily they come to work with the children or join the staff in their jobs. It is a joy to see how God meets our needs for workers.

Rodrigo & Children



Our newest volunteer is Rodrigo. He helps the children with their homework and is available to assist in whatever way he can. Thank you Jesus for Rodrigo.

We have had several photographers visit Casa Hogar recently. They have taken some wonderful photographs of the children. It is great to have our photo file updated.

During Spring break many of our children visited their families. Some of the children have no families to return to, so this year a special trip was planned for them. Where did they go? To the beach. It was a delight to see our children enjoying a fun filled adventure and the water. We thank Simply Smiles for making this event possible.

Our Thanks to You...

John & Judy Kolb from MN, who came for a week, shared words of encouragement, uplifting teaching and touched many through their prophetic ministry.

Sandra Bullick's teaching and prayer ministry was greatly appreciated as well. She came bearing gifts from her co-workers at the Mayo Clinic.

Lauren, who has been with us since December, has poured out herself to the children. She especially has touched Vicente's life. Lauren is a blessing.

A visiting group from Lake Superior College, Duluth MN, came to serve & brought gifts of bed sheets for the children.

Sandra Drentlaw from MN who served for a month at Casa Hogar. Thanks for your help.

A group of ten youth came with Chris Briles, Josh & Jenell Allen and Pastor Abiram. They completely refinished all the playground equipment. The group also shared testimonies and presented a powerful drama for the church.

Sandra Vold for her assistance with the newsletter & her visit with us.

Teri Aiken for the photographic work done while visiting Casa Hogar. The photos are great and will be used. Mil Gracias.



Be A Friend

We are initiating a new program.....Be A Friend to a staff worker! The workers at Casa Hogar are few, but the few are faithful and do the work of many. The workers need encouragement and support through our words, prayers and finances.

Through "Be A Friend" you can encourage the staff at Casa Hogar. On page three of this newsletter there is a photo of and brief biography on each worker. Would you like to "sponsor" a staff worker? Maybe you want to pray for all the staff or help meet some of their personal needs or perhaps one staff person has touched your heart.

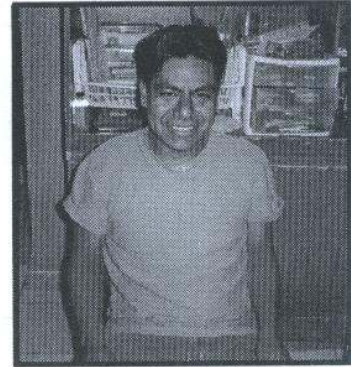
To sponsor a staff worker the financial commitment is \$15.00 a month. If it is your desire to participate in the program, on the enclosed remittance slip please mark "special project" & write in "be a friend" plus name of staff person if you wish to sponsor a particular person. Mail the remittance slip to New Covenant Church, 2140 South Hwy 3, Northfield MN 55057.

Thank you. Sandra Vold, Sponsorship Coordinator



Aurora Hernández Perez and her son David live at Casa Hogar. Aurora is called "Lola". Lola came to Casa Hogar three years ago, but has known about the ministry for 12 years. She helps with the care of the children and with preparing meals. David's birth date is September 26, 2002 and Lola's is August 16, 1978.

Elute's birth date is May 26, 1982



Jacinta Bustamante Hernandez is one of the housemothers and like all the staff does double duty. Besides caring for a group of children, she also is responsible for preparing breakfast every day and lunch on Sundays. Jacinta has been on staff for 14 years. She came to know Jesus as her Lord after working at Casa Hogar for a year. Jacinta is confined to a wheelchair.

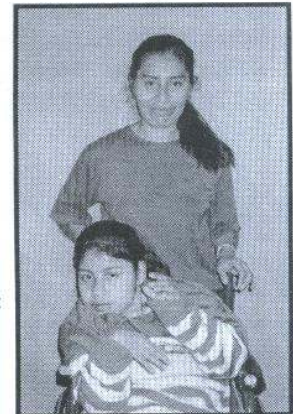
Jacinta ~ Birthday September 16



Elute Gaspar Agudo grew up at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez. He now is on staff. Elute is one of the "chauffeurs" and helps with maintenance. In coming to Casa Hogar Elute feels he has a purpose in life.



Rosa Cruz and her daughter Luz have found a home and safe place at Casa Hogar Benito Juarez. God is restoring their lives. Rosa is a housemother and she does the never ending laundry for the children. Luz who suffers from cerebral palsy and has seizures, cannot walk nor speak. Rosa's birth date is May 13, 1975 and Luz's birthday is April 22, 1995.



Juan Carlos Hernandez was three years old when he came to Casa Hogar. His mother was unable to care for him. A young man of many abilities, he is now on staff at the home. When Juan is not chauffeuring children or staff around, he does carpentry, welding, plumbing and electrical work. Casa Hogar is blessed to have Juan on staff. His birth date is July 4, 1983.

Simitria Hernández Garcia assists with the kindergarten age children and taking them to school. She also helps with cleaning the office. Simitria was born May 26, 1982. In 2000 she accepted Jesus. Simitria gives thanks to God for allowing her to be at Casa Hogar, to have a home & family. In 1998 her mother died, so indeed Carol, Fran and all at Casa Hogar are her family.



Vicki ~ Birthday October 27

Victoria Hernandez Perez came to Casa Hogar in 1993. She is a housemother and office secretary. Vicki had polio when she was five months old, because of this she cannot walk. This does not stop her! Vicki is a great support to Carol. She wants to do the plans of God and His will and at this time that means serving at Casa Hogar. In 1994 Vicki accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior.



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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 loose 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,

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A Reminder.....

Our goal this year is to send out quarterly newsletters and do monthly updates via e-mail. The monthly updates will share urgent and current prayer requests and tell about events taking place at Casa Hogar. To make the monthly updates possible we need your assistance. If you would like to receive the monthly e-mail updates please send us your e-mail address. Included in this newsletter is a remittance slip. On this form please fill in your name & complete address along with e-mail address, then mail it to New Covenant Church. We ask you to please print your e-mail address clearly. Thank you! Carol and Fran

For current happenings at Casa Hogar check the Simply Smiles website at www.simplysmiles.org

Needs & Wants

For those of you who are traveling to Casa Hogar Benito Juarez this Spring and Summer, and would like to bring items needed at the Home, here are some ideas.

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| Deodorant for both men & women | Dish towels & dish clothes |
| Toothpaste | Hot pads & scour pads |
| Single sheet sets | Spatulas & large spoons |
| Hand & Bath Towels | Taco & gravy mixes |
| Socks & underwear for both boys & girls | Instant pudding mixes - large boxes |
| Knee-high socks for girls, white only | Chocolate chips & walnuts |
| Shorts & t-shirts for boys & girls, sizes 4-14 | Glue sticks & pens |
| Batteries - sizes AA & AAA | Spray on conditioner for hair |
| Heavy duty shower curtains | Good quality hair brushes |

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