

CASA HOGAR Benito Juárez, A. C.

Newsletter
January 2005

Notes from Fran and Carol Marin

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work." II Cor. 9:8

How blessed we are here at CHB.I to live in that abundance! We are not speaking of material things here, but very especially of that spiritual abundance that comes from the joy of living and knowing how much our lives and that of those around us truly count. How blessed we are to have such a faithful PROVIDER who plans for and provides for all of our needs and wants!

This truth became so clear to us as we celebrated King's Day on January 6th. Having a group of a dozen new kids who had never in their lives received even one gift was astounding. They were so joyful and enthralled! Add to that a huge party at McDonalds, followed by hours of jumping on inflated toys, and you start to get a glimpse of a fun fiesta. Follow that with new toys and clothes for everyone, piñatas, candy and the traditional King's Day bread to cap off a marvelous & memorable day. What a dramatic contrast for these 12 new kids who would have otherwise spent the day eating tortillas with salt on them and then drinking (probably contaminated) water!

Our very special thanks to Simply Smiles for an awesome celebration! Bryan, Kristen and David, you guys are something special and we appreciate your months of labor! And to Heartland Church, Cannon Community Church, Zion Lutheran Church and the Thatcher family, we are so grateful for your joyful and heartfelt participation in making this an awesome celebration. We are blessed!!

Your Joyful Servants, Carol and Fran



Marin Family
Fran & Carol
Xu, Pedro y Nayeli

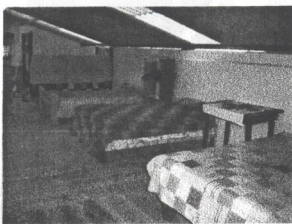
Pedro will be seven years old in February. He is now attending first grade at a Christian school in Oaxaca.

Xu will be starting her second year of university. She was attending school in Puebla but will be transferring to a university in the city of Oaxaca.

Nayeli is assisting us at Casa Hogar doing social work.

Praise Reports

Casa Hogar "moved back in the black"! In December 2004 Casa Hogar Benito Juarez became debt free. A thousands thanks to all of you who made this possible. A burden has been lifted from us.



New dorms for our visitors. The dorms are being used. There is still work to be done on the project but hopefully by this spring & summer it will be completed. Thanks to all who have & are laboring in this special project.

Last month a new ministry was started with the help of Simply Smiles. Each Saturday food, clothing, water and vitamins are taken to the dump, to be distributed to the many families who live and work at the dump. The children at Casa Hogar help in the preparation and the distribution of the items. It is a blessing to see our children reaching out to those in need. Approximately 80 people are blessed weekly.

A special thanks to Anne Caldwell of Arkansas who sold her Ford Explorer and gave us the funds. The funds made it possible for us to greatly advance in the new dorm project.

Simply Smiles donated a 1994 Ford pick-up. It was greatly needed for all the daily runs made at Casa Hogar. Thank you!

A donation of 100 used bikes was given by Rosewood Reformed Church in Michigan. We have brought some of them down from the border and more to come. Bike riding is a great activity for our children. Thank you!

New Staff.....Elena from Spain has been assisting us for the past couple of months. She is considering returning for a longer term at Casa Hogar. Lauryn who is from Connecticut joined us in December and will be here for six months.



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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.

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Spotlight Children

A Special Visitor For Florencia

Florencia is getting to know one of her sponsors, Sandra Drentlaw from Northfield, MN. Sandra is serving at Casa Hogar for a month from January to February.

Florencia is in kindergarten and is becoming more outgoing.



Being a sponsor is a special gift you can give a child at Casa Hogar. For information on the sponsorship program please contact Sandra Vold at New Covenant Church or via e-mail at tiasandravold@yahoo.com

Presenting, Vicente Cruz Mellado, our newest member of the Casa Hogar Family. He arrived January 25, 2005. Vicente is four years old and profoundly deaf. He came to us because the family situation was not safe for him.

Vicente needs your prayers. One to become accustomed to life at Casa Hogar. Doors have already opened for him to attend a special school starting February 4. Vicente will have speech therapy and before school starts will get hearing aids.

We thank God that we are able to have Vicente with us.

Bienvenido

Vicente



To Keep You Better Informed

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. Another goal this year is to start a website for Casa Hogar.

To make the monthly updates possible we need your assistance. If you would like to receive the 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 and e-mail address and mail it New Covenant Church.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in updating and facilitating the e-mail updates. *Francisco and Carol*