

Casa Hogar Benito Juarez

Fall/Winter 2006

Under the Shadow of His Wings...

Have you ever seen a mother hen with her chicks all clustered under her wings? It is a place that provides warmth and security, and it is a place of protection and nurturing.



Introducing Kelly Sharon and her grandparents, Carol & Fran Marin

That is exactly what God does for us, if we let Him. He longs to cuddle us and keep us sheltered from the dangers around us. He loves to nurture us so that we can grow and go forth victoriously.



Often times we stray from that safe place and we want to be independent before the time is right, and the results can be detrimental.

We have been especially sheltered during these hard times in Oaxaca. There has been much violence with the striking teachers and protesting faction groups these past seven months. There has been chaos amidst the burning of hundreds of cars and busses, road blocks making it impossible to navigate, shootings and protests on all sides, massive destruction of property with graffiti painted everywhere and buildings burned. The economy has been severely affected. Many of our friends have lost their jobs because of the radical decline in tourism, which is the number one source of income here in Oaxaca. Even the grocery stores and bakeries are failing because of lack of clientele. Most of the four million inhabitants of this state have been radically, negatively affected.

Aside from having to restrict our activities to avoid areas of conflicts and aside from the inconvenience of not being able to go out at night, of having barricades all over, and of having ATM machines robbed, we have been untouched.

In every instance where we could have been affected, God has provided the way of escape and has protected us. We have refused to give in to hate, rebellion and anarchy. Instead we have chosen to live under the shadow of His wings.

Carol & Fran

Psalm 17:8 “Keep me as the apple of thine eye;
hide me in the shadow of thy wings,”

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift." II Corinthians 9:15



Kelly & Grandma Carol

Kelly Sharon, our first grandchild was born on November 6 at 3:30 p.m. She was 7 lbs 5 oz and 19 inches long. Nayeli was in labor for 60 hours and there were complications but praise the Lord she is recuperating and Kelly is healthy. Congratulations Nayeli and Arturo.

The expenses for the doctor and care are around \$500.00. If you wish to assist and bless them please send funds to NCC and make a notation it is for covering the expenses of Kelly's birth. Arturo has not been able to work as much because of the unrest in the city. His place of work is near the center of the city. Thank you!



After thousands of paving stones were laid & cement poured, here is the end result!



Play area in foreground & laundry area in background



Front drive & basketball court



It is the new computer lab! Equipped with many new computers for our children's use.



Faithful friends and prayer warriors!

Wonderful church family.

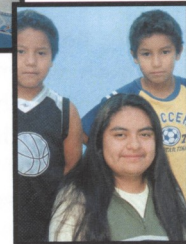
God's protection and provision in time of trial.



Remodeled bathrooms at Casa Hogar, a work in progress. See the fish tile? Funds are needed to complete the remodeling.



The hard workers at Casa Hogar.



The kids, who bring much love & energy to our lives.

The marriage of Xu and Moises. Their wedding took place on November 25th.

Prayer Requests

- ◆ Peace in Oaxaca
- ◆ Additional faithful staff
- ◆ Continued spiritual growth in the children & staff.
- ◆ Pedro's adoption, it is at a standstill because of the unrest in the city, causing government offices to be closed.
- ◆ School has started, pray for the transition since it has been almost seven months since the children were last in school.

Answered Prayer

- ◆ Computer lab completed
- ◆ Vehicle for the handicapped children has been purchased - see article on page 3
- ◆ The expenses of Carol's surgery have been covered.

Thank you for praying.

Celebrating Day of the Kings

The children and staff at Casa Hogar celebrate Kings Day (in January) with piñatas filled with treats, special foods and each receiving two gifts. This tradition was started since many of the children are with family over the Christmas time and the Casa Hogar family is unable to celebrate together.

If you wish to bless a child or staff person on this day, a financial gift can be given. The funds should be sent to New Covenant church and earmarked "Kings Day". Carol & all will do the shopping and wrapping.

We ask that no packages be sent to Oaxaca. For the last couple of months or more Casa Hogar has been unable to pick up mail at the post office, because of the unrest in the city. The post office is near the Zocolo, which is the area the teachers and the protesting faction groups took over in May. They are no longer there, but the police and military have it blocked off in order that the area can be restored.

I encourage you whether you decide to assist Casa Hogar for the holiday or not, to reach out this holiday season. Maybe it will mean visiting a shut in or assisting a single parent, filling a shoe box for an unknown child, giving a basket of food to someone needy, serving food to the homeless or one of countless other ways to reach out. Whatever it may be, reach out and bless, because you will be blessed.

Merry Christmas!
Sandra Vold

Spotlight Child

Araceli
Mateo
Hernandez



Araceli Mateo Hernandez is Chianteco and from San Pedro Sochiapan. She has recently joined the Casa Hogar family, joining her two older siblings who have been with us the past six years.

The family's story is not uncommon. A father in jail and a mother alone with a new baby to care for and unable to meet the needs of her next oldest child, Araceli.

Araceli turned six on July 9. This school year she is in first grade. Her delight is playing with baby dolls and riding bike.

New Van for the Handicapped!

In October we received the donation of a 2006 Mercedes Benz Sprinter from Simply Smiles! This beautiful 17 passenger van was purchased specifically for our children with distinct capacities and is being modified to be 100 percent handicapped accessible. It will have room for eight wheelchairs and seven passenger seats. The van will be used exclusively for these special people.

See more at www.simplysmiles.org.

Thank you Simply Smiles!



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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.

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Christmas Greetings



Tiny little baby bundled and warm came to save us from sin, danger and harm. His life insignificant it seemed was so freely given and we are redeemed.

The truth of His mercy, His grace and His love are ours for the asking and are sent from above.

We wish you a joyous, true and blessed Christmas.

Love,

*Fran & Carol Marin & the
Casa Hogar Family*

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