

The Children of La Ladrillera, Sonora, Mexico
Children's List - February, 1996
 (*) - Pregnant

<u>Mother's Name (Father)</u>	<u>Children</u>
Rosa Cisneros: (Hector)	Lorena, girl, 16 yrs. Ismael, boy, 15 yrs.
Juliana Parra: (Romaldo Martin)	Jesus, boy 18 yrs. Jose Israel, boy, 15 yrs. Denise, girl, 9 yrs. Juan Daniel/Juan Carlos, twin boys, 2 yrs.
Juana Almadoba (Grandmother)	79 yrs.
Ramona Parra: (Ramon Leyva)	Maricruz, girl, 2 yrs.
Josephina de Leyva: (Jose Ramon Leyva)	Ramon, boy, 8 yrs. Alexi, boy, 3 yrs.
Genoveba Gamboa: (Macario Ponce)	Rey Guadalupe, girl, 4 yrs. Ramona, girl, 2 yrs. Macario, boy, 1 yr.
Rosa Valenzuela: (Hector Gastelum)	*Evelina, girl, 15 yrs. Adelina, girl, 13 yrs.
Enriqueta Cordoba: (Cleto Carrillo)	Jose, boy, 7 yrs. Martin, boy, 5 yrs. Juan, boy, 2 yrs.
Martha Gonzalez: (Miguel Durango)	Miguel, boy, 19 yrs. Susana, girl, 10 yrs. Tono, boy, 9 yrs. Roberto, boy, 8 yrs.
Rosario Gamboa: (Jose Juan Gastelum)	Jessica, girl, 5 yrs. Joanna, girl, 3 yrs. Jesusita Elizabeth, girl, 1 yr.
Benigna Salomon: (Eduardo Carrillo)	Guadalupe, girl, 14 yrs. Cristina, girl, 13 yrs. Rogelio, boy, 10 yrs. Lorena, girl, 5 yrs. Adolfo, boy, 3 yrs. Raul Armando, boy, 3 mos.
Maria Gamboa:	Martha, girl, 9 yrs. Juan, boy, 8 yrs. Jose, boy, 5 yrs. Jesus Marie, girl, 4 yrs.

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<u>Mother's Name (Father)</u>	<u>Children</u>
Guadalupe Salamon: (Mario Umberto)	Carla, girl, 3 yrs. Mario, boy, 1 yr.
Guadalupe Gonzalez: (Ezequiel Carrillo)	Ezequiel, boy, 1 yr.
Lucia Ponce: (Miguel Angel Carrillo)	Miguel, boy, 3 yrs. Ignacio, boy, 4 mos.
Olga Cisneros: (Jose Antonio de la Cruz)	Jesus, boy, 11 yrs.
*Olga Jimenez: (Ramon Cordova)	Christian, boy, 2 yrs.
Alejandro Felix:	Loida, girl, 16 yrs. Manuel, boy, 15 yrs. Luzelena, girl, 13 yrs.
Nicolasa Lachica: (Rogue Parra)	Jesus, boy, 5 yrs. Oralia, girl, 1 yr.
Lucia Contreras: (Ricardo Contreras)	Patricia, girl, 15 yrs. Alejandra, girl, 13 yrs. Ernesto, boy, 11 yrs. Antonia, girl, 10 yrs. Veronica, girl, 5 yrs. Manuel, boy, 4 yrs. Sergio, boy, 2 yrs.
Marcela Alvarez: (Martin Soto)	Adriana, girl, 3 yrs. Juan, boy, 1 yr.
Francisca Gonzalez (Jose Felix)	Nino (unnamed), boy, 3 mos.
Guadalupe Norzagaray (Eduardo Carrillo)	No Children
Blanca Valenzuela (Pedro Martinez)	No Children
*Irasema Gonzalez	No Children
Martha Martinez (Juan Sabala)	No Children

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<u>Mother's Name (Father)</u>	<u>Children</u>
Rita Lopez: (Guillermo Varela)	Fio Varela, boy, 3 yrs.
Concepcion Carrillo: (Julio Caesar de la Cruz)	Mario, boy, 14 yrs. Ramon, boy, 13 yrs. Sandra, girl, 10 yrs. Julio, boy, 8 yrs. Erika, girl, 4 yrs.
Rafaela Solomon (Oscar Norzagaray)	No Children
*Abundia Salomon: (Luis Contreras)	Anabel, girl, 8 yrs. Karla, girl, 6 yrs. Victoria, girl, 4 yrs. Jose, boy, 3 yrs.
Lydia Cisneros (Ramon)	Vanessa, girl, 3 yrs. Ramoncito, boy, 2 yrs.
Nellie Salazar: (Santiago)	Eneyda, girl, 4 yrs. Jesus, boy, 3 yrs.
Catalina Lopez: (Pedro Lopez)	Erica, girl, 10 yrs. Rosa, girl, 1 yr.
Rosa Ester: (Orgeo Portillo)	Ramon, boy, 3 yrs. Reginaldo, boy, 1 yr.
Angela Alcala & Josefina Carrillo (mother)	
Manuela Marquis (widow):	Esteban, boy, 19 yrs. Guadalupe, girl, 16 yrs. Anita, girl, 7 yrs.
Cruz Portillo:	Juan, boy, 4 yrs. Sarahi, girl, 8 mos.
Patricia Gomez:	Boy, 7 yrs. Girl, 5 yrs.
Maria Cisnero:	Blanca, girl, 13 yrs. Yadera, girl, 9 yrs.
Blanca Valenzuela: (Perdo Martinez)	No Children

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Mother's Name (Father)

Children

Marcela Alvarez:
(Martin Soto)

Adriana, girl, 1 yr.
Juan Martin, boy, 3 yrs.

Juana Soto de Cisneros:
(Roman Cisneros)

Francisco, boy, 13 yrs.
Apolonio, boy, 9 yrs.
Guadalupe, girl, 2 yrs.

Maria Savala:
(Nazario Gamboa)

No Children

Josefa Carrillo:
(Abelardo Valenzuela)

Brenda, girl, 8 yrs.
Albertina, girl, 7 yrs.
Abelardo, boy, 1 yr.

Profile:

43 total families

86 adults and 91 children
177 souls total

70 children under 10 years old (milk, shoes)

49 children under 5 years old

36 children 4 to 10 years old (*chewable* vitamins with iron)

43 school-aged (6-18 years old) children (school supplies)

34 children under 3 years old (*liquid* vitamins with iron)

13 children 1 year or younger (infants)

3 pregnant mothers (pre-natal vitamins)

2 Baptisms since January, 1995



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COMPASSION

"Jesus called his disciples to him and said, 'I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat.'" (Mt.15:32)

Jesus was a compassionate man, a man whose entire life was marked by compassion. When confronted by any kind of need, whether spiritual, emotional, or physical, Jesus was touched by the suffering of others, and moved to action... moved by compassion to help them in his great, deep, boundless, unconditional, and undeserved love.

So it was that he proclaimed the Good News of God's love. And fed the hungry masses. And taught those who sought the truth. And healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, cleansed the lepers, cast out demons, and raised the dead. So it was that he walked among those who were poor, those who were suffering, those who were unwanted, marginalized, ignored, forsaken, outcast, oppressed, despised, and abused by society. You could always find him there, with "them." For truly, it was among those who suffered the most that Jesus found ears that heard and hearts that embraced the Gospel most readily. The suffering of the people reached out to touch the compassion of Jesus; and Jesus' compassion reached out to touch the suffering of the people.

We personally know the compassion of Christ, each one of us. We have learned from the Word of God how hopelessly and helplessly, utterly and eternally lost we were. Spiritually destitute, overwhelmingly sinful, wholly undeserving of God's love, completely unrighteous, absolutely guilty, justly condemned, we faced only an eternity of torment. But God did not turn away from us, did not forsake us, did not leave us to perish. He had compassion on us! God so loved us, so loved you and me, so loved the world, that he sent his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. His great compassion moved the Father to act... to send the Son; and moved by his compassion, the Son willingly obeyed the Father's Will.

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Jesus' compassion moved him to act... to leave his throne and to become one of us. He lived with us, suffered with us, wept with us, prayed for us... and died for us, in our place, for our sins, on the Cross. And while he walked among us, by his teachings and example, he taught compassion to his disciples, demonstrated compassion for his disciples, commanded compassion from his disciples. Today, we are called to walk in Jesus' steps. We are called to demonstrate our love and gratitude to Christ through our compassionate love to each other, and to others. The world will know that we are his disciples, if we love each other (Jn.13:34), and if we are a neighbor to those in need (Lk.10:25-37, the Good Samaritan).

We like to think of ourselves as compassionate people... people who *feel sorry* for a poor old man, a hungry child, a paralyzed soldier, or a frightened little girl. But compassion is something far deeper than simply feeling sorry for those who are suffering. Something much more is involved than a general kindness, or tender-heartedness, or even pity.

The word *compassion* is derived from the Latin words *cum* and *pati*, which together mean "*to suffer with.*" Compassion asks us to go to where it hurts, to enter into places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, sadness, grief, and anguish. Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in suffering and misery... to mourn with those who are lonely, forgotten, deserted... to weep with those in tears and whose hearts are breaking. Compassion asks us first of all to take the suffering of others into our own hearts, and to feel their pain. Compassion purposely confronts human suffering and misery. Compassion will not allow us to turn away from the sight of the malnourished child or to shut out the cries of a hungry child; it *wants* to see, to hear, to feel, to reach out to act, to help! Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human. Compassion will not let us rest so long as there are still human beings somewhere with tears in their eyes.



Some of the little children with their Bible story lessons.

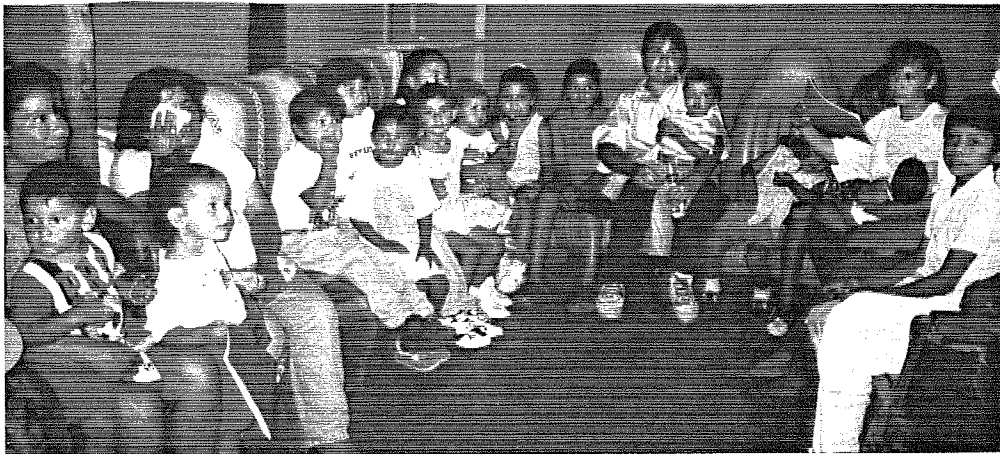
Once we begin to "*suffer with*" those who suffer in our heart of hearts and feel their pain, compassion will move us to respond to their needs compassionately. *It is then that we begin to reveal the gentle presence of our compassionate God in the midst of our broken world.*

In the following pages, you will read about the little children of the village of La Ladrillera in Northern Sonora, Mexico. Open your eyes to their suffering, your ears to their cries, your hearts to their sorrow. Let their pain touch you deep inside. Allow yourself to "*suffer with*" them in their poverty, hunger, thirst, and sickness. And then reach out to them in whatever ways your compassion moves you.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR

"One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God..." (Lk.5:1)

The children run in all directions to announce to the village that we have arrived. Soon the families begin to appear in the doorway, hesitating at the threshold, the bright Mexican sunshine flooding into the room from behind them. Smiling, we motion them to join us and sit down. By the time we begin, more than 50 people are crowded together in our tiny church, waiting expectantly, eager to hear the Gospel, the Good News of the love of God in Christ... burdened, weary souls, coming to Jesus for rest.

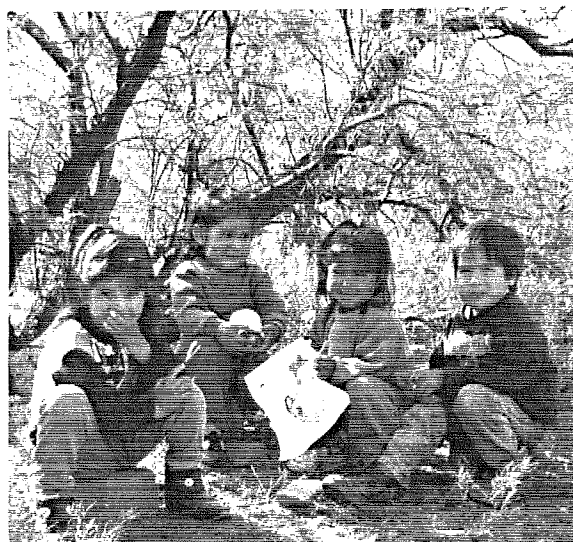


The little children and their mothers listen intently to a story about Jesus.

So many are precious little children with raven black hair and deep brown eyes, some laughing excitedly or jabbering away, others quiet, glancing at us furtively from behind their mothers with shy little smiles. Children so precious, so unique, so loved and treasured by their mothers, loved and treasured by God, and by us. Beautiful children who have so much potential, so much wonderful curiosity, so much love in their hearts. Beautiful children who should have so much life ahead of them. Beautiful children who must struggle every day against poverty, hunger, thirst, malnutrition, cold, and disease. Beautiful children who may never live to see their fifth birthday, who may never recover from their next illness, who may never overcome their malnutrition, who may never escape their tragic lives, who may never become all that God created them to be. It tears your heart out.

These are the little ones to whom we are reaching out in compassion. These are the little ones to whom we tell stories about "Jesus, el Salvador," Jesus, the Savior, and his never-ending love for them. To these precious little ones and to their parents we hold out the wonderful promises of the Gospel of Christ, which alone strengthens their faith and trust in God, increases their love to one another, brings strength, comfort, and peace to their spirits, and keeps hope and joy alive in their hearts as they daily struggle against desperate poverty.

There are 17 families in the village, but the number swells to twice that figure on the Sundays we bring the Gospel, as families come from the surrounding ranches and villages. Spanish Bibles will soon be distributed throughout the village so that we can hold in-depth Bible studies with the families in their homes. In addition, "Circulos de Vida" or "Circles of Life" (small Bible study groups which will meet during the week in the people's homes) will begin in the new year. Funds are still needed to print Bible stories in Spanish for the children and Bible studies for use with the adults and families. Bringing the Word of God into the people's homes is vitally important.



Little children, so precious to Jesus, after the Bible lesson.

BRINGING FOOD TO THE POOR

"He replied, 'You give them something to eat.'" (Lk.9:13)

While our main focus is to give Jesus, the Bread of Life, to these souls, hungry for God's love, we cannot ignore their other hunger, their physical hunger for food.

There is an old saying: "Empty bellies have no ears." If we should only proclaim the message of God's love to these children and their families, and not attempt to feed their hungry children, they might rightly say to us: "If God loves us... and if you love us as you say... why do you not care that our children lie awake at night crying because their stomachs hurt?" Surely we could not callously respond: "Sorry, but we will minister only to your spiritual needs. Your physical needs are not our concern!"

The Apostle James would remind us: "Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." (Jas.2:14-17) Surely we must also seek to meet the physical needs of these precious little children, as much as our resources allow. And indeed, we have found that when we match our proclamation of God's love with a demonstration of God's love, by attempting to give food to their hungry children, their ears are opened to more eagerly hear the Word of God!

There is no danger of making "rice Christians" of these families, for even on the Sundays that these poor people know we are not bringing any food, still they come to hear the Word! We are also concerned lest we create an unhealthy dependence on our aid, and so, after this time of crisis is past, we have plans to possibly develop family gardens, vocational training, and/or cottage industries. But for now, the children are hungry, often going without food for days. And Jesus says to "You give them something to eat."

Like the disciples, we look at our paltry resources, and wonder: "How far will they go among so many?" (Jn.6:9) But we follow Jesus' example, look to heaven, give thanks to our Father, and distribute all we have. And miraculously, when we distribute food the next time, there is enough for everyone!

Each family is given a bag of food consisting of rice, flour, beans, noodles, and lard, costing us only about \$2.50 each. In addition, we try to provide powdered milk for the children under ten years old and powdered formula for the infants, but these items are very expensive. The food we bring really helps to supplement children's diets. They eat more often, aren't as hungry, and their health is improving, but if we hope to continue to provide food for these little ones, and supplement their meals with vegetables, milk, and formula, we will need others to either donate the food goods (either as individuals or through a church food drive), or money to purchase the food.

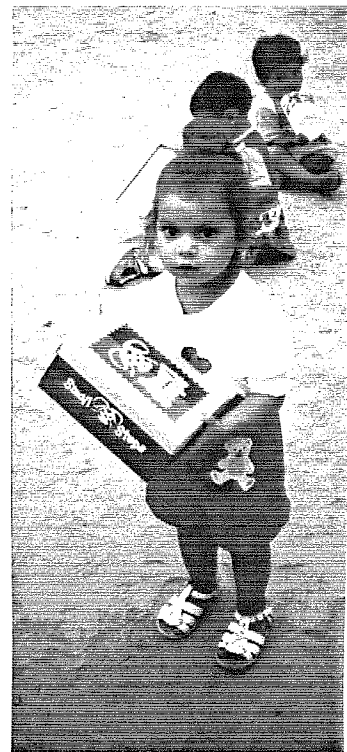
BRINGING A CUP OF COLD WATER TO THE POOR

"And if anyone gives a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple, I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward." (Mt.10:42)

Water for the village is delivered by tank truck, but the people never know when (or if) the truck will be coming, so they must use their water very sparingly. The water is stored in old rusty barrels or in open cisterns built of adobe brick. The barrels and cisterns are open on top, and the water grows stagnant, becoming the breeding grounds for disease.

One day, while we were visiting one of the homes, we watched as the father washed his hands in a bowl of water after returning from the out-house, and then drew a cup of water for the baby to drink. We shuddered. We decided that, if possible, we must work to bring fresh, clean water to the children, not only for drinking, cooking, and washing, but also so that the families can start small vegetable gardens to supplement their diets. In addition, a good supply of clean water will vastly improve sanitary conditions among the children, resulting in less disease and sickness.

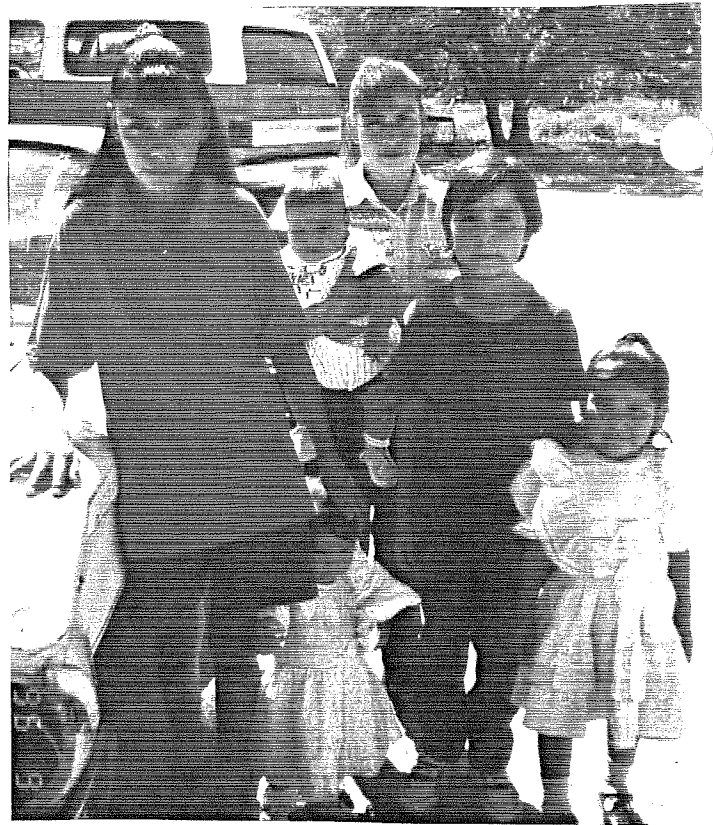
We prayed. A rancher 3 km. away offered water from his well for the village. We rejoiced. The Sonoran government offered to provide labor and heavy equipment to lay the pipe if we could raise the money to purchase the pipe and pump. We rejoiced again. A local AAL branch donated \$1600 for our water project. And we rejoiced again! A Sonoran health official told us that he thought the Governor of Sonora would match any funds we would raise. And again we rejoiced!



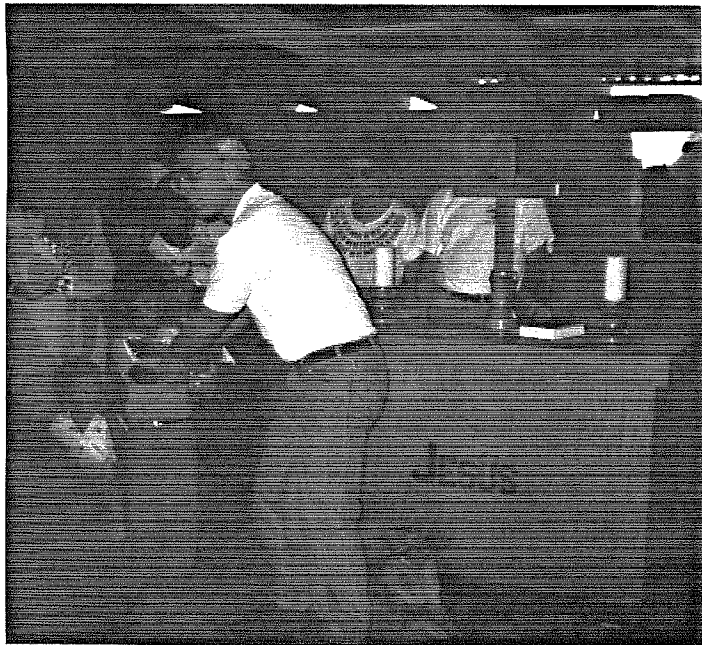
A little girl gets brand new tennis shoes.



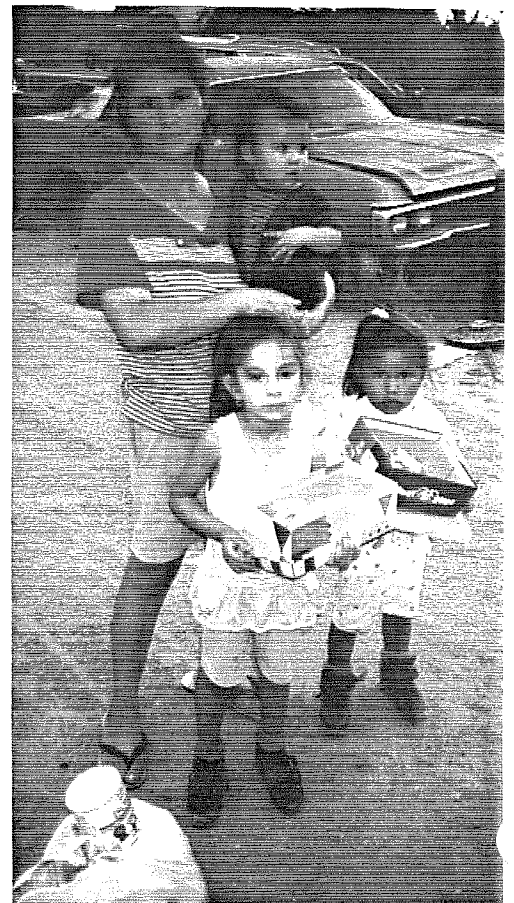
One of the families and a couple of our volunteers wait for our Bible study to begin.



Most of their clothing has been donated by people like you... and they always wear their best for our Sunday meetings.



Pastor Larry Retberg, Chairman, WELS Board for World Missions, Latin America, brings the Gospel message in Spanish. Note our "church dog" behind him.



Two little girls get brand new tennis shoes! The family's bag of food is in the foreground.



Mothers and children listen together as God's Word is read and taught.

We went out to get estimates, and found the total cost might rise to \$8000! We prayed. And now we are waiting for the Lord to act again. But for the first time in the history of the village, the people are excited. The water project has given birth to hope in their hearts! With hope and faith, we wait, expectantly. Individuals or congregations who would like to help should earmark their donations for the water project.

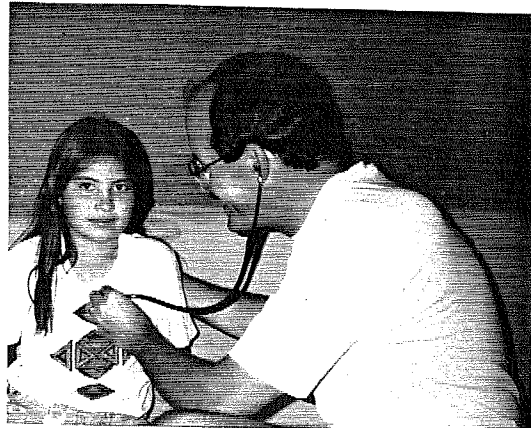
BRINGING BLANKETS TO THE POOR

The weather is turning cold in Northern Mexico. The nights grow cold, the winds blow through the cracks in the walls, and frost covers the ground. The only warmth in the little "casitas" is a small fire in the little adobe stove in one corner of the room. During the winter, the children get sick from the cold with fevers, colds, coughs, respiratory infections, bronchitis, and pneumonia. Some do not make it through the winter. Blankets are badly needed. We would like to provide three blankets for each of our 83 children. A lot of blankets! About 30 blankets have been gathered so far through one church's blanket drive. But more are needed. Many more.

BRINGING MEDICAL CARE TO THE POOR

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness." (Mt.9:35)

Dr. Ed Beggy, "el buen medico," our good doctor, saw about 30 of the little children of La Ladrillera, assisted by Nurse Denise Rhoads. The children are all sick. All are malnourished and suffer from vitamin deficiencies. Some have fevers. Others have worms, called "los animales" by their mothers, in their stomachs and intestines. Most of the kids eat dirt, a natural craving because of their lack of iron (the people seldom have any meat or vegetables to eat). All the kids feel so miserable, that they have no appetite. Their mothers complain that they hardly eat anything. Two of the littlest children are so malnourished that Dr. Beggy hopes to bring them to a hospital in Tucson for blood work and other tests. Our Nurse and a Nurse Practitioner will begin to monitor the children's health each month.



Dr. Ed Beggy provides medical care for the children.

The good doctor prescribes children's liquid vitamins with iron for the small children, and chewable vitamins with iron for the older ones, plus iron tablets for some of the more extreme cases. Other items needed include children's non-asprin pain reliever, children's cough syrup, bandages, and antiseptic ointments. These can be purchased and donated by interested individuals or groups, or funds can be given so we can buy what is needed.

A CHURCH FOR THE POOR

"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" (Ps.122:1)

It is a small church, just one room, maybe measuring 15' x 15' at most. The walls are adobe brick, the ceiling has rough wooden beams supporting plywood sheets with a covering of tin. The floor is dirt. There is one door and one window. But it is the most beautiful church we have ever seen. The altar, beautifully hand-crafted from wood and donated by a WELS member, stands against one of the walls. The name "Jesús" adorns the front of the altar, and on the top stand matching candle-holders and a cross.

This little church was added onto one of the homes to be able to use an existing wall. It was a labor of love, built by the hands of the people of La Ladrillera, a quiet witness that shouts their love and gratitude for the Gospel! It is a place of Worship, of Bible study, of Baptisms, of Christian fellowship. It is the focal point of the village; our services are the community event of the week!



Our little church, to the right, was built by the people themselves. This is a typical Sunday gathering.

On other days, the church serves as a clinic... or a distribution center for food, clothes, or brand new tennis shoes for the children... or a classroom for ESL classes (held after our adult Bible class on Sundays). This humble little building... with no carpet, no pews, no stained glass windows, no beautiful organ, no air conditioning... is a place of faith, of peace, of mercy, of love, of hope, a place where the beauty of God's love is seen every day!

OUR VOLUNTEER MISSION TEAM

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'" (Mt. 9:36-38)

Mission to the Children is a work of compassion carried on by a dedicated corp of **volunteers**. There are no salaried workers, no office space is rented, no overhead. Every item of food, every box of medicine, every blanket, every article of clothing, every single dollar that is donated by caring people like you goes only to help the children and is distributed to these, the neediest of the needy, as soon as possible!

SUMMARY PROFILE OF THE CHILDREN

Presently, we are serving 38 families total, including 155 souls and 83 children. Of the 83 children, 63 are under 10 years old, and 42 are under 5 years old. There are 15 infants under one year old, and five expectant mothers.

Please pray for these precious little children every day. Pray that we will be able to continue to bring the Gospel to their families and to conduct Bible studies. Pray that the Lord will continue to bless this work of compassion and the preaching and teaching of his Word. Pray that somehow we will be able to bring fresh, clean water to the village. Pray that we will be able to provide food for the children. Pray for health and medical care. Pray for God's blessings upon the work of our doctor and medical team. And then thank God for his overwhelming grace and blessings to these little children!



A little boy waits while his mother receives food, clothing, and medicine.

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." (Mt. 7:7-8)

HOW YOU CAN HELP BRING THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR

YOU can be a part of this Christ-centered, Gospel-centered ministry of compassion to these little children! Please pray about how our Lord would desire you to become involved. Here are some of the ways you can help:

1. Pray for this ministry: for the children, their families, our workers, for the Word, for the necessary resources, for water to the village;
2. Provide transportation or a vehicle for transporting our team;
3. Serve as a bi-lingual translator;
4. Provide food or funds to purchase food;
5. Donate funds for our water project;
6. Provide medicine or funds to purchase needed medicines;
7. Hold a blanket drive to gather blankets for the children;
8. Gather clothes for the children (used clothes in good condition: *at this time, jackets, sweaters, sweat shirts, and other warm clothing only, please*);
9. Provide funds to pay for printing of Bible lessons and studies in Spanish;
10. Hold a food drive several times a year;
11. Gather school supplies for the children;
12. Hold a medicine/medical supplies drive;
13. Volunteer to become a contact person for your church;
14. Volunteer to pick up and store donated goods;
15. Volunteer to purchase food and medicine to distribute;
16. Hold a toy drive for our Christmas celebration.

No matter how you are able to become involved with this Mission to the Children, we are grateful, as are the children and their families! Even more, remember the words of Jesus himself: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me... I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." (Mt.25:35-36)

Checks can be made to: Gene Durfey - Mission to the Children. For more information, please contact Gene Durfey at (520) 575-0492 or write to:

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FINANCIAL REPORT January 1, 1995 through September 30, 1995

Income - Working Fund:

Donations of Cash: \$1820.00

Expenses - Working Fund:

Food for the Children: \$ 315.53
 Shoes for the Children: \$ 175.35
 Bible Study Folders: \$ 9.61
 School Supplies for the Children: \$ 75.30
 Family Photos/Frames/Photos: \$ 76.22
 Storage Rental/Gas/Office Needs: \$ 129.24
 ESL Materials/Teaching Materials: \$ 90.12
 Printing (Bible Lessons/Newsletters) \$ 193.12
 Building Materials for Church: \$ 200.00
Total Expenses: \$1264.49

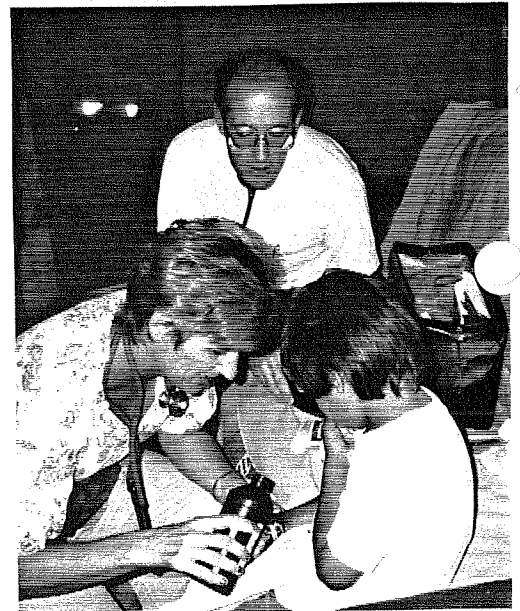
Total Income: \$1820.00
 Less Total Expenses: - \$1264.49
Balance October 1, 1995: \$ 555.51

Water Project Funds: \$1600.00

(Note: Food includes only food purchased with money donated to the Mission to the Children Fund; figure does not include food purchased with volunteer's personal funds.) All receipts are kept. Financial records are available for inspection upon request.

HEART-FELT THANKS

We would like to thank our volunteers for their tireless efforts, long hours, hard work, and countless deeds of kindness! Our love and gratitude to Jack & Denise Rhoads, Tom & Carola Milster, Dr. Ed Beggy, Carmen Guzman, Maria Cervantes, Cathy Addison, June Durfey, Ben Meza, and Ed Durfey. "He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done." (Prov.19:17)



Dr. Ed Beggy & Nurse Denise Rhoads tend to a bad cut.



CHURCH NEWS



Open Forum/Voter's Meeting

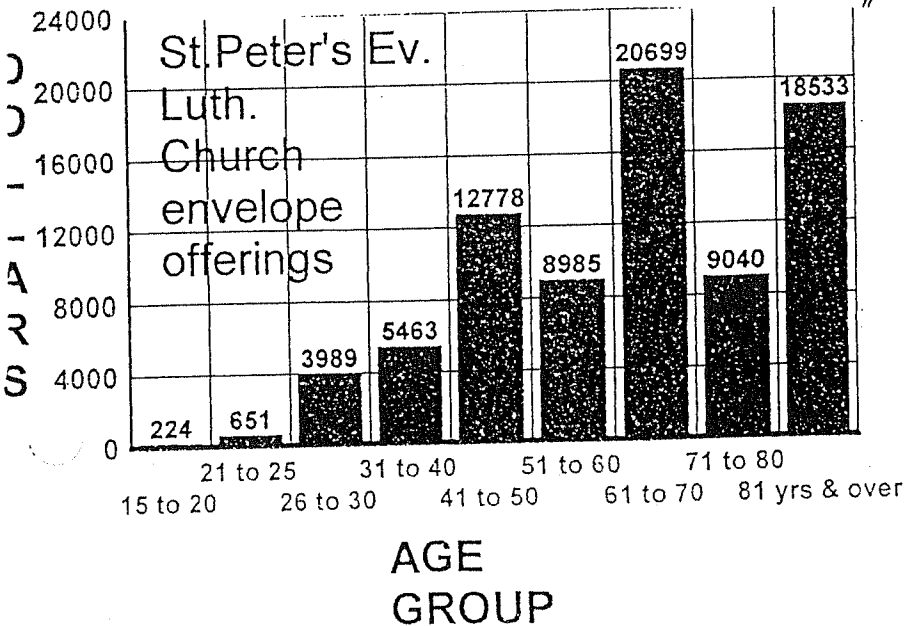
Before the St. Patrick's Day Boiled Dinner on March 17th, the members of St. Peter's are invited to our quarterly "Open Forum" to discuss the agenda for the quarterly Voter's Meeting, which will be held **March 24th** after our English Worship Service. The issues to be discussed include the following:

- membership acceptance and removal;
- the status of St. Peter's School and our amalgamation of the upper grades at Christ Luth. School
- adoption of our 1996 budget

Regarding the status of St. Peter's school, we will have an opportunity to discuss the benefits and challenges of our K-3 school, as well as those of our association with Christ School. Can we continue to operate our School? What are the possibilities for the future? This is an especially important question since several south-side churches are seriously looking into developing a new **amalgamated** school for our inner city churches. (Please refer to the article entitled "School Amalgamation Study Underway" in this newsletter)

A Statistical Look At St. Peter's Stewardship

The graph below reveals our congregation's giving according to age group. The list below the graph indicates how many people within each age group contributed to St. Peter's. A total of 135 people of our 224 baptized members participated in our offerings. Sixty one members did not. In 1995 we had 224 members who contributed an average of \$373.91.



Holy Week Worship Schedule

Please mark your calendars for our special worship services during HolyWeek. Service times will be:

Palm Sunday:

- 10:30 am English Service (Confirmation Service) (no Bible Class)
- 11:45 am Culto en Espanol

Maundy Thursday:

- 5:00 pm Jueves Santo
- 7:00 pm English Service (Passover dinner?)

Good Friday:

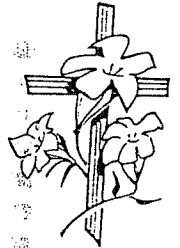
- 1:00 pm English Service
- 6:00 pm Viernes Santo
- 7:00 pm English Service

Easter Sunday:

- 8:00 --10:00 am Easter Breakfast
- 10:00 am English Service
- 11:30 am Domingo de Pascua



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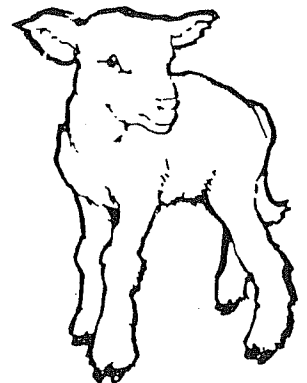


Age Groups

Age group 15-25 yrs.	12 mem.	contributed \$	224.00
" " 21-25 "	11 "	"	651.00
" " 26-30 "	5 "	"	3,989.00
" " 31-40 "	23 "	"	5,463.00
" " 41-50 "	16 "	"	12,778.00
" " 51-60 "	11 "	"	8,985.00
" " 61-70 "	19 "	"	20,699.00
" " 71-80 "	22 "	"	9,040.00
" " 81 & over	16 "	"	+18,533.00
	<u>135</u>		<u>\$80,362.00</u>

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Appendix 7

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