

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

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Annual Report 2013

With gratitude to all of you. . .in the words of some of the 131 youngsters in the five Mazatlán orphanages you support. . .Nalleli's, Jesus Alberto's and Luis Enrique's own words. . .

Dear Donors:

First of all thank you so much for taking part of your time to read my letter.

There are many things I want to thank you for but there are no words that describe how happy and thankful I am with all of you; for believing in us and for giving us the opportunity to study, to eat, to have clothes in our rooms and not only these because you also repair our house when it needs it, and give us new appliances when ours break. You are always there and we know we can ask you for help any time we need it. This is not all you do for us you also give us the opportunity to take English classes out of the regular school. Thank you so much for supporting us with our school shoes, uniforms, school supplies and backpacks. Thank you for buying us new shoes every time we need them.



I especially thank you for giving me the opportunity to study in the University of Mazatlán and paying for my college for me, right now I am studying in the fifth semester of the career B.A. in E.L.T. to become an English teacher and thank you also for paying for my extra-English classes at Teacher Gabino's Academy that finally I concluded with it and I am ready for my graduation, that of course you are invited to attend in December.

And finally thank you so much to you for being part of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund, let me tell you, that all these things couldn't have been possible without you. You, with the help of God, are the reason why we can have all the necessary things we need to live properly. That is why I will be always thankful with all of you, and one more time, I have to say thank you for everything, for being part of our lives and for being part of our family because this is what a family does. With love, Nalleli



Dear Friends
Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

With an affectionate greeting I am writing to you to express my gratitude and my thoughts to all of you who have supported me in buying braces for my teeth and now in my studies at Teacher Gabino’s English Academy. You all have more than demonstrated your love in your actions here to our home since I was a child. Not only to me, but to all who reside here, for years, each of you have contributed your help selflessly as was necessary for us, each week we receive food purchased by you so we can feed ourselves healthy meals thanks to the content of the fruits and vegetables you buy us that are necessary to our growth. And at Christmas, you give us presents and a big dinner that makes this house a more happy home.

At the moment, I am studying my last grade of studies in high school and want to continue studying at the university to become a great nutritionist, so I too, can help the children of this house and poor people with limited funds. I want to be a good person who will excel in life, with your help, I will.

In the name of all the boys, girls and young people in our home, we express to you our deepest thanks for all your caring for us all.

May God bless you, Jesús Alberto Carvajal Morales

Greetings Tres Islas Donors,

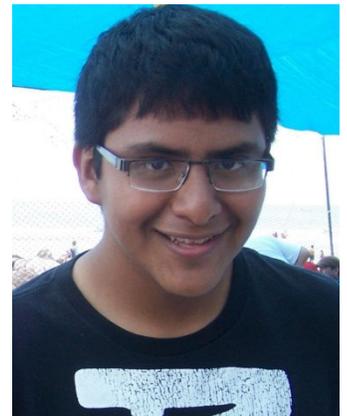
With great appreciation, I thank you all very much, for providing me with my dental braces, since I really needed them so much. It gives me great joy knowing there are people so generous as you. You can always count on me, as I have told you. May God bless you!

I ask that you please continue to help us because there are many young people here who, like me, need you with us.

A few months ago, I graduated from middle school with an average of 8.4; in this moment, I am studying English, also thanks to you, in Teacher Gabino’s Academy.

Now, I am also studying in high school at UAS, and after I finish high school, I would like to continue studying at the university level, computer science and then medicine or law. I would like to study in the United States or Canada, but have not the resources to carry it out. I want to be someone in life, and with your help I know I can get to it.

In advance I want you to know that you all will always be in my prayers. Thank you and may God and the Virgin of Guadalupe fill you with blessings *and* your family, Luis Enrique Carvajal Morales



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"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

– Winston Churchill

November 17, 2013

Dear Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Donors, Friends of the Children,

We're gratefully humbled to provide this annual report for you in exchange for your loyal support of Mazatlán's children who live in the five orphanages the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund serves.

Included in this annual report, we're delighted to share poignant stories of the children's and orphanages' successes because you saw the need and provided the necessary help to these precious youngsters.

Your faithful, financial support. . .

✓ Enables these children to receive three meals each day filled with nourishing food. This, in turn, allows them to start school each day with proper nourishment that in exchange, lets them concentrate, study and intelligently participate in their educations. Your support enables them to start each school year with quality shoes, uniforms, backpacks and books and their tuition/registration for the year paid in full - everything they need to participate and concentrate on their studies and do their best. *And, they do. . .*

✓ Keeps each of their homes, the orphanages, safe and sound with solid roofs and walls that are repaired after severe storms and everyday needs such as refrigerators, stoves, toasters, blenders, washers and dryers, toilets, sinks and showers that work; and computer supplies to help with their school work and learn English.

✓ Allows the children to feel safe, content, happy, confident and most of all . . . *normal*. . . a great boost to their psyche, self-confidence and outlook toward life. . .

When you make a donation, what you do, and what that equates to, is your donations transcend to being the lifeline of support for these children by providing them assurance that they are valuable and important - because they see their surroundings respectfully-maintained and they eat food - *nourishing* food - every meal - and they go to school with pride and confidence - and live without hunger pains, fright and uncertainly. Because you invest in them, you show them love, stability and provide them hope.

Thank you all for being these people to these children.

We are continually grateful for your partnership that has been the "wings beneath our feet" - and the children's - since the fund began in 1987.

Thank you. . .

And now we present to you, your annual report, in exchange for all you do for each of the five orphanages and the 131 children who reside in the orphanages.

From the inception of the Fund 26 years ago in 1987, through the close of our 2013 annual reporting period September 30, 2013, Tres Islas Orphanage Fund's total purchases these past 26 years for food, school supplies, shoes, uniforms, backpacks, education, medical needs, appliances, health, safety and welfare improvements for the children in Mazatlán's orphanages reached \$778,093.90! (Last year: \$644,941.34). Thank you, Tres Islas donors for your loyal, continued support helping the children!

As the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund begins its 27th year helping the children, we thank God and each of you for these monumental milestones that we all, together, have accomplished! We gratefully and humbly ask, please, for your continued support of these youngsters.

The Fund could not do all it does for the children if it weren't for you.

From October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013 (the Fund's 12-month annual reporting period), the Fund provided \$133,152.56 for the benefit of the children; primarily for their food, educational and medical needs and necessary orphanage repairs - compared with \$117,804.34 the previous year.

Here is what you did for the children in Mazatlán's orphanages this past year. . .

Introduction

All amounts listed in Tres Islas annual reports are in U.S. dollars. Everything purchased in Mexico is purchased with pesos. The Fund is also blest to have Canadian donors who make their donations in Canadian dollars, so we want to clarify, and be specific, which monetary denomination we use as we report expenditures to you.

The Fund's banking institution, the Cheyenne-Laramie County Employees Federal Credit Union, is located in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The Fund was again blest this year to receive donations specifically dedicated to provide educational classes and purchase school supplies for the children. This permitted the Fund to purchase required, updated school books, new school uniforms, shoes and educational supplies for all the children. The children, orphanage caregivers and we are so grateful for this! Thank you!

The caregivers are always respectful of donors' contributions - uniforms and shoes are used until they can no longer be worn. When possible, school books are shared and passed down from one year to the next by the previous year's students.

Frequently, though, school books for each subject studied also serve as the work book, so homework assignments are written on the pages inside the books. For this reason, it's often necessary for us to purchase new books each year (which don't have the answers written in them from the previous year).

Orphanages Served

The Tres Islas Orphanage Fund is proud and blest to serve five orphanages in Mazatlán full-time:

1. **Orfanatorio Mazatlán, 19 youngsters;**

(The first orphanage the Fund began helping in 1987)

Avenida Zaragoza 227-A, El Centro

Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico C.P. 82000

Telephone: (When dialing outside Mexico): 011-52-669-981-2214

Telephone: (When dialing in or around Mazatlán) 981-2214

President: Cristina Pena de Herrera (whose grandmother was a board president and great-grandmother was once treasurer); Rafaela Cornejo Valdovinos, Directora Administrativa

2. **Ejercito de Salvacion Hogar de Ninos (Salvation Army Children's Home), 32 youngsters;**
 (Served part-time by the Fund beginning in 1998 and full-time since 2003)
 Angel Flores S/N Antiguo Camino a la Culebra, El Venadillo
 Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico C.P. 82129
 Telephone: (When dialing outside Mexico): 011-52-669-980-7609
 Telephone: (When dialing from in or around Mazatlán) 980-7609
 Directors: Captains Rocio and Asael and Flores

3. **Father Tovar's Home for Boys Hogar San Pablo, 38 youngsters;**
 (Served part-time by the Fund beginning in 2003 and full-time since 2005)
 Paseo del Centenario S/No. Colonia Centro Mazatlán, Apartado Postal 1233
 Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico
 Phone/fax: (When dialing outside Mexico) 011-52-669-982-3720 or 011-52-669-981-6121;
 Telephone/fax: (When dialing in or around Mazatlán) 982-3720 or 981-6121
 Director Formativo: Padre Horacio Humberto Rabelo Moreno

4. **Ciudad de los Ninos, 32 youngsters;**
 (Served full-time by the Fund since 2006)
 Carretera Internacional Norte KM.1207 Apartado Postal 629
 Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico
 Telephone: (When dialing outside Mexico) 011-52-669-980-6026
 Telephone: (When dialing in or around Mazatlán) 980-6026
 Directora: Madre Velia Morales Moreno

5. **FloreSer, 10 youngsters;**
 (Served full-time by the Fund since 2009)
 Rio Quelite 812, Col. Palos Prietos
 Mazatlán, Sinaloa, Mexico
 Telephone: (When dialing outside Mexico): 011-52-669-176-9521
 Telephone: (When dialing in or around Mazatlán) 176-9521
 Founder and Vice President: Cristina Pena Miranda; President: Gabriela Perez Jimenez;
 Directora Administrativa: Brenda Borboa

The lists providing the names and ages of the children in each orphanage the Fund serves are attached to this report for you, along with thank you cards from the youngsters and thank you letters from the directors of each orphanage for all the help you gave them this past year.

The number of children in each orphanage fluctuates throughout the year depending on new arrivals or when youngsters leave the orphanages. As of this annual report, there are 131 youngsters in the five orphanages the Fund now serves. Last year at this time there were 126 children in the five orphanages.

On the orphanage lists of children, are names of some who live at the orphanages who are past the age of 21, the typical age when most have graduated from college or trade school and have left the orphanage to begin life on their own. Here are two explanations - examples - of why:

- In the case of Elizabeth "Elle," who resides at Orfanatorio Mazatlán, and who is older than the other children, she cannot hear nor speak. Elle has called Orfanatorio Mazatlán home the majority of her life. Most likely, Elle will never leave. Loved, appreciated and wanted,

Elizabeth is included in every activity; she's happy and safe. Four years ago, Elle began working part-time bagging groceries at a local mercado and then went on to work at the local aquarium - where she still works today - accomplishments for which she and all of us are proud! At home at the orphanage, Elle takes care of the younger children, enjoys cleaning and helping the caregivers.

- It's the same situation for Jesus "Grande" at Ciudad de los Ninos. As a baby, he had a brain tumor that left him permanently brain-damaged. Unable to clearly speak, Jesus communicates via a whispering voice, his kind smiles and signing. He, too, is very much loved and included in all Ciudad activities and Ciudad will always be his home. Jesus Grande enjoys keeping the orphanage grounds well-groomed. Gardening is his contribution to his home, the orphanage. Jesus suffers from epilepsy and we are grateful for donations that are specified each month to purchase his epilepsy medicine - which stops his seizures - and is paramount that he takes each day.

FloreSer: An example why you and your support is invaluable

Throughout each year, we receive letters from Brenda Borboa, FloreSer's capable and dedicated director of administration, with accompanying photos.

We're humbled to share many of these with you, below (and more in the accompanying "Year-In-Review" section) as examples - on behalf of all the orphanages - why you and your support are invaluable to each of the 131 children who reside in the five orphanages:



1-28-13

Dear Donelle, Tom and Tres Islas Donors,

We are grateful to you very much for the support that you give to FloreSer and the work that we do here. We realize you very much love the girls and also the love of God.

Thank you very much. BRENDA.

Learning to sew in the sewing center Tres Islas donations created for the girls. . .

Their own clothes



pillows



and purses



Learning to bake after sewing their aprons and chef hats



3-14-13

Donelle and Tom and Donors:

I want to thank you in name of the Patronage and of all the girls of FloreSer for the great help that you provide to this Institution.

Today we went to buy the furniture and the equipment needs for the Reconciliation Room (the room where the girls receive emotional, psychological and spiritual guidance).

Thank you very much, for all the effort that the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund does for helping us.

God Bless you. Brenda.

8-20-13

Hola Donelle, Tom and Donors,

Every day our girls take 1 or 2 hours in a workshop where they read, learn, comment and reflect on the above-mentioned readings. We have the support of a teacher, Silvia, who comes Monday, Wednesday and Friday to read with them.

Learning to read and discussing what their studying. . .



Putting the Reconciliation Room Tres Islas donors created to good use. . .

8-31-13

Hello Donelle and Tom:

I am pleased to greet you. I want to tell you that Father Leonel Narvaez came from Colombia. He is Founder of the Schools of Forgiveness and Reconciliation (to help those who've had acts of violence – physical, mental and sexual – committed against them). He was with us in FloreSer. The girls asked him a lot of very important questions about himself, his work and violence. These were pleasant moments learning and talking together with him and the girls learned very much. Gaby brought Father Leonel to us with the help of God. I send pictures for you to see. With love, Brenda.



9-11-13

Hi Donelle and Tom and Donors:

Today arrived at FloreSer a new girl. She is 13 years old and she was sexually- abused victim by her stepfather. Her name is REYNA ISABEL. Her mother did not believe her. DIF (social services) in Los Mochis brought her to us. She'll start to school next Monday. She's happy for that. Regards. BRENDA.

Donelle, Tom and all donors of Tres Islas, I send you pictures of our girls sewing their gowns in the sewing workshop and also receiving their first sacrament of Baptism. God bless you always ... These girls arrive to FloreSer with hurt, their life empty, no documents – but our work is complete and we are working to make changes in lives of these girls. BRENDA.

Sewing dresses for their first communion in the sewing center Tres Islas donations provided
And then wearing the dresses they made at their baptism. . .



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During Spring Mission Week 2013, Rodolfo Madero, son of Francisco Madero, president of the board of directors (patronatos) at Father Tovar's Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo, unveiled a brass plaque honoring all Tres Islas Orphanage Fund donors - which the patronatos permanently-affixed on the exterior wall of the family room at the orphanage.



In honoring Tres Islas donors and the accomplishments the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund has provided all the children in the orphanages, and especially the boys who reside at Hogar San Pablo, Senior Madero gave the following tribute, which we are humbled to share with each and all of you, who are the reasons the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund has been able to take care of the children in Mazatlán's orphanages:

Padre Horacio listens as Sr. Madero pays tribute to Tres Islas donors

Words of appreciation during the event unveiling the plaque in recognition of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund

April 6, 2013

It is for me a great pleasure to address all of you in such a special day, in which, year-after-year, gathers so many interested in the well-being of Hogar San Pablo and its youngsters.

I would like to welcome all the donors and volunteers of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund that visit us – now for the ninth year – and spend their vacations doing hard work restoring orphanages in Mazatlán, and Hogar San Pablo being one of them.

I would like to especially mention the Tres Islas Fund directors, Donelle and Tom Manton, who for more than 25 years have been doing this great humanitarian labor and have collected funds – more than half a million dollars – all which benefits Mazatlán's orphanages.

I would also like to thank members of the Hogar San Pablo board of directors for being here today, and the presence of Father Horacio, the greatly-appreciated nuns and all the boys for whom this great effort is dedicated.

It would be very lengthy to mention each and every one of the donations the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund has given to Hogar San Pablo, among them: annual school supplies, shoes, uniforms, back packs, books, computers, refrigerators and kitchen appliances, repairs to dormitories, windows, doors, bathrooms, and so many other things like the weekly, well-selected food supply for the boys. And all the repair work and painting upgrades the members of the Spring Mission Week do in their visit to Hogar San Pablo every year.

It is well worth mention the recent donations for the replacement of the deteriorating church windows and mattresses for the boys' dormitory beds and commitment to provide the boys' food the next five years.

For all of these reasons we unveil this plaque in recognition of this great labor. This plaque was donated by José Luis Rice, who is here with us. Please give him a warm applause. Many thanks, José Luis.

On behalf of the board of directors of Hogar San Pablo, we thank you all again for your invaluable labor and pray that God our Lord will bless you and keep all of you in His heart.

Thank you.



HOGAR SAN PABLO, A.C.

IT GIVE US A GREAT HONOR TO THANK
TRES ISLAS ORPHANAGE FUND
FOR THEIR COMMENDABLE, TIRELESS AND
ALTRUISTIC WORK ON BEHALF OF THIS BOYS' SHELTER
OUR ETERNAL GRATITUDE

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Purchases

Because the Fund is blest to have donors from the U.S. and Canada, and purchases are made in Mexico where the peso is the denomination used, we want to clarify that **all expenditures listed in our annual reports are in U.S. dollars.**

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As we wrote earlier in this annual report to you, **money expended for the care of the children** in the five orphanages (food, school supplies, school shoes, uniforms, backpacks, English/tech school classes, medical and orphanage construction improvements/repairs and appliances) **this year totaled \$133,152.56.** Last year, the money allocated to support all five orphanages in these categories totaled \$117,804.34.

The itemization of the benefits from your contributions is presented below – along with an **enclosed three-year summary spreadsheet** showing expenditures for this year, last year and projections for next year.

Food

Raising money for food to feed the 131 children in the five orphanages each day is the **biggest need** the Fund has. Providing nourishing food for every meal and having the funds available each week to purchase food is our most-pressing priority and biggest necessity. The Fund provides right-at \$50,000.00 in food purchases each year to the five orphanages.

We ask, please, for your continued support because without your help – and your sharing the opportunity to help with others – we could not provide the necessary food and other needs to the children.

In the spring of 2008, the Fund began increasing weekly food purchases for the orphanages from \$130.00 to \$150.00 per week due to the rising cost of food – with the exception at that time – of Fr. Tovar’s Home for Boys which had fewer youngsters than the other orphanages at that time.

In March that year, girls began arriving at FloreSer, the newest orphanage the Fund serves. Because there are 10 girls (mostly teenagers) at this orphanage, the Fund currently purchases \$124.00 worth of food each week for them.

In the spring of 2010, orphanage caregivers from Orfanatorio Mazatlán, Ciudad de los Ninos, the Salvation Army Children’s Home and FloreSer asked if the Fund could please increase the amount of fruits and vegetables purchased for them. While a majority of the food the Fund purchases for each orphanage is already comprised of fruit and vegetables, the youngsters were asking for more and due to rising food prices, the amount of the food purchases decreased. The caregivers and we felt the request to increase the amount fruit and vegetables the children received each day was justified.

Madre Velia, from Ciudad de los Ninos, made the “trial run” on the requested weekly purchases. She selected and bought the quantity and type of fruit and vegetables necessary to provide each child with a balanced weekly allowance. The increased weekly cost of fruit for Orfanatorio Mazatlán, the Salvation Army Children’s Home and Ciudad came to \$50.00 each. For FloreSer, based on their need and request, the Fund increased their weekly purchases from \$100.00 to \$120.00 to include the additional fruit and vegetables. The patronatos (board of directors) of Hogar San Pablo are currently able to purchase the boys’ fruit and vegetables.

So, the Fund is now purchasing \$150.00 worth of food each week for Orfanatorio Mazatlán, Salvation Army Children's Home and Ciudad de los Ninos plus an additional \$50.00 each week for additional fruit and vegetables for each of these orphanages. So, the total for each of these orphanages groceries each week totals \$200.00.

This last year, thanks to a generous, specified donation, we were able to increase the food at Father Tovar's Home for Boys, Hogar San Pablo, from \$150.00 to \$200.00 each week. This donation was a huge blessing because the number of boys living at this orphanage increased this last year from 35 to 38.

We greatly need assistance, please, in supporting the additional purchase of weekly fruit and vegetables.

The name of the area to which you may designate your donations is "Gloria's Kitchen." This Tres Islas Fund is named in honor of the late Gloria Geraths who, for a number of years, was instrumental in helping the children through Tres Islas. Gloria frequently prepared homemade meals for the children. Please read more about the positive impact Gloria's life had on the children and how you may carry-on her goal of providing the children nourishing food each week in the latter section titled, "Passages."

The orphanage caregivers are very mindful and respectful of the amount of money they spend each week and the type and quality of food they purchase for their youngsters. They only ask for additional food when it's absolutely necessary.

The total food purchases for each orphanage are as follows (Christmas dinners are itemized separately in their own category):

Orfanatorio Mazatlán: \$11,290.74 (Last year: \$10,634.04).

Salvation Army Children's Home: \$10,471.41 (Last year: \$10,267.54).

Father Tovar's Home for Boys Hogar San Pablo: \$10,161.72 (Last year: \$7,946.90).

Ciudad de Los Ninos: \$12,749.21 (Last year: \$11,022.55).

FloreSer: \$6,446.06 (Last year: \$6,141.88).

Total food purchased for all five orphanages this year: \$51,119.14 (Last year: \$46,012.92).

This year's food purchases represent 58.17% of the Fund's expenditures, excluding construction costs. (Last year's food purchases represented 54.36% of the Fund's expenditures, excluding construction costs).

Christmas Dinners ("The Christopher Fund") 2012

We itemize the orphanages' Christmas dinners separately for you because they are a special event where specified donations are received for this occasion in addition to weekly grocery purchases. This way, you'll know exactly how your donations have been spent.

Based on the number of children in each orphanage, we allow up to \$250.00 per orphanage for Christmas dinners and the entire celebration.

Orfanatorio Mazatlán: \$260.54 (Last year: \$246.13).

Salvation Army Children's Home: \$243.14 (Last year: \$246.73).

Father Tovar's Home for Boys Hogar San Pablo: \$243.86 (Last year: \$243.76).

Ciudad de los Ninos: \$247.24 (Last year: \$246.40).

FloreSer: \$120.11 (Last year: \$119.71).

Special Occasions

Sometimes when donors take a Tres Islas tour of the orphanages or when reading our annual reports or emails, donors learn about areas of needs that touch their hearts so much, they are immediately able to step-forward and meet the need.

Other times, as was the case for donor Charlotte from Virginia, who was so impressed with the thank you Christmas card she received three years ago from then 10-year old Heidi at Orfanatorio Mazatlán, Charlotte wanted to do something special for Heidi – yet be respectful and inclusive of all the children.

So, Charlotte offered to sponsor Heidi's birthday party – which would include all of the children's birthdays that month (April) – and to purchase Heidi – and all the children at Orfanatorio Mazatlán – their much-needed summer sandals.

Now, Charlotte earmarks one of her annual donations to sponsor the monthly birthday party and purchase summer sandals for Heidi and all the children.

Tres Islas facilitator Gaudelia "Fella" Cruz Hernandez purchased the birthday cake, ice cream and sandals on behalf of Charlotte.

And so, Tres Islas' "Special Occasions and Gifts" category itemizes these areas so you may know about all purchases made for each of the orphanages.

Orfanatorio Mazatlán: \$1,319.08

- Christmas presents (Donor specified) – school shoes, pajamas, undergarments: \$1,108.81
- Mariachis at Spring Mission Week fiesta dinner: \$210.27

Salvation Army Children's Home: None – because. . .

- Christmas presents are individually sponsored/coordinated by Mike Veselik, owner and publisher of Mazatlán's *Pacific Pearl* newsmagazine and owner of Yoopers Sports Bar & Grill in Mazatlán and Tres Islas Facilitators Janet and Bob Schmitt, winter residents in Mazatlán, organize the "Adopt-a-Child-for-Christmas".

Hogar San Pablo: \$380.28

- Christmas presents (Donor specified) – sweaters: \$380.28
- Additional Christmas presents sponsored/coordinated by Mazatlán residents

Ciudad de los Ninos: \$1,965.16

- Christmas presents (Donor specified) – school shoes for all the children, shoes for Jesus Grande, cell phones for Madre Velia and Sister Rosy, caregiver nuns shoes, pajamas, undergarments and material to make daily caregiver uniforms: \$1,965.16

FloreSer: \$531.38

- Christmas presents (Donor specified) – pajamas, undergarments, plates, bowls, cups and silverware: \$531.38

If you'd like to sponsor any area of need you may know about or have an idea – aka "heart for" – such as Christmas presents, birthday celebrations, please contact us and we'll gladly make it happen!

April 2013 Beach Barbecue Fiesta for All Orphanages

Food purchased: \$874.66 (131 children) (hamburgers, hot dogs, condiments, chips, buns, cakes, ice cream, drinking water, sodas, plates, silverware, cups and napkins)) (Donor-specified by Bonnie from Minnesota and Dave and Dotty from Pennsylvania).

Previous year: \$373.47 (114 children) (Donor-specified).

Education Funds

Raising funds to provide education needs for the 131 children in the orphanages is equally as important as raising money for food – and is the fund’s second largest expenditure.

This year, all school supplies – including school books, shoes, uniforms and backpacks – totaled \$12,544.33 for all the orphanages. School classes – including tuition, registration, college and English classes totaled \$5,936.40. The total for both education categories totaled \$18,480.73.

Tres Islas has two funds related to education. One, the “Education School Supply Fund” purchases all school supplies (school books, English books, paper, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc.), school shoes, school uniforms and backpacks to carry the children’s books and supplies.

The second, the “Education Classes Fund,” provides classes for the children – such as English, computer and tech/trade classes in addition to their daily school subjects as well as paying for class registrations and tuitions, when required. (Not all schools and programs require registration or tuition fees.)

We need and encourage your donations, please, to each of these funds. It is one of Tres Islas’ major goals that when each youngster graduates from high school, he or she will attend college or will receive English lessons, computer classes and/or tech/trade school classes for them to be able to enter the workforce – and one day be self-sufficient, capable of taking care of themselves and becoming good, contributing members of society.

This Fund was grateful again this year to receive donations specified for the Education School Supply Fund and Education Classes Fund. This enables us to purchase the much-needed new uniforms, shoes, backpacks and school supplies without having sparingly-delegate what may be expended for this important area in the children’s lives.

We are most-appreciative to have received these donations that permitted every child to start the school year with the supplies they needed and to be able to take required classes and elective classes, as permitted, where they have special interests.

With the addition of FloreSer Orphanage in 2009, we learned that when most girls arrive at this orphanage they haven’t received much of a school education – if any. It’s important to place them in the type of specialized school that provides one-on-one instruction, and allows them, for the first time in their lives, to receive the education they deserve and one where they have the opportunity learn at a pace that permits them to absorb what they are being taught. Because of this, and thanks again to the timely, specified donations that arrived, the Fund was able to enroll them in these schools – Instituto Cultural de Occidente, AC and ICS. Thank you so much for the support of this vital area!

School Supplies

If new school items aren’t needed at the beginning of a school year due to their being in good enough condition from the previous year to reuse, or, if there are enough school supplies on hand, the orphanage caregivers don’t request them and the Fund doesn’t purchase them. School item needs are assessed a second time – mid-year – and only purchased if needed. The orphanage directors and

the Fund are prudent with all purchases. This also teaches the children fiscal responsibility – an important life lesson. Orphanages do not stock pile items but honestly request them as they become necessary. This is one reason we have such a wonderful working relationship with each of the orphanages: because they make all purchases, including food, only as needed. We are blest are to work with individuals who possess such high-integrity!

School Supplies, Shoes, Uniforms Backpacks and Education Classes

Orfanatorio Mazatlán

School supplies: \$1,271.47 (Last year: \$3,353.81– including computers, printers, paper).

School shoes: \$389.37 (Last year: \$773.03).

School uniforms: \$681.18 (Last year: \$1,643.21 – including school books).

Backpacks: \$252.65 (Last year: \$301.45).

Education classes: \$1,240.27 (\$748.02).

Total purchases this year for Orfanatorio Mazatlán for school supplies, shoes, uniforms and backpacks: \$3,834.94. (Last year: \$6,819.52 – increase due to computer/printer purchases).

Salvation Army Children’s Home

School supplies: \$891.27 (Last year: \$5,295.97 – including computers, printer, paper).

School shoes: \$744.12 (Last year: \$556.81).

School uniforms: \$1,281.63 (Last year: \$831.89).

Backpacks: \$459.83 (Last year: \$413.51).

Education classes: \$937.62 (Last year: \$727.41).

Total purchases this year for the Salvation Army Children’s Home for school supplies, shoes, uniforms, backpacks and education classes: \$4,314.47. (Last year: \$7,825.59 – increase due to computer/printer purchases).

Father Tovar’s Home for Boys Hogar San Pablo

School supplies: \$600.09 (Last year: \$2,880.88 – including computers, paper purchases).

School shoes: \$871.40 (Last year \$721.02).

School uniforms: \$718.64 (Last year: \$772.65).

Backpacks: \$376.93 (Last year: \$442.05).

Education classes – tutoring, tuition and registration: None. (Last year: None).

Total purchases this year for Father Tovar’s Home for Boys Hogar San Pablo for school supplies, school shoes, uniforms, backpacks, education classes: \$2,567.06 (Last year: \$4,816.60 – increase due to computer/printer purchases).

Ciudad de los Ninos

School supplies: \$1,058.49 (Last year: \$4,291.00 – including school books, computers, printer, white board, paper purchases).

School shoes: \$532.15 (Last Year: \$522.80).

School uniforms: \$815.11 (Last year: \$1,396.17).

Backpacks: \$280.18 (Last year: \$300.24).

Education classes – tuition and registration: \$3,385.43 (Last year: \$455.35.00).

Total purchases this year for Ciudad de los Ninos for school supplies, uniforms, backpacks and education classes: \$6,071.36 (Last year: \$6,965.57 – increase due to computer/printer purchases).

FloreSer

School supplies: \$323.54 (Last year: \$394.75 – including school books and tuition).

School shoes: \$360.95 (Last year: \$234.28).

School uniforms: \$437.35 (Last year: \$400.55).

Backpacks: \$197.97 (Last year: \$160.71).

Education classes: \$373.08 (Last year: \$662.00).

Total purchases this year for FloreSer for school supplies, uniforms, backpacks and education classes: \$1,692.90 (Last year: \$1,852.28).

Total school supplies, uniforms and backpacks purchased for all orphanages: \$9,646.35 (Last year, including computers and printers: \$22,878.84).

Total school supplies, uniforms and backpacks purchased represent 10.98% of the Fund's expenditures, not including construction (Last year, including computers and printers: 27.03%).

Total school shoes purchased for all orphanages: \$2,897.98. (Last year: \$2,807.93).

School shoes purchased represent 3.30% of the Fund's expenditures, not including construction (Last year: 3.32%)

Total education classes paid for all orphanages: \$5,936.40 (Last year: \$2,592.78). Education classes represent 6.76% of the Fund's expenditures, not including construction (Last year: 3.06%).

School supplies represent 3.11% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year, including computers and printers: 13.77%).

School shoes represent 2.18% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year: 2.38%).

School uniforms represent 2.95% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year: 4.28%).

School backpacks represent 1.18% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year: 1.37%).

Education classes (Tech/English classes/tuition/registration) represent 4.46% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year: 2.20%).

This year, all school related items (school supplies, shoes, uniforms, backpacks and education classes represent 21.03% of the Fund's expenditures (Last year, including computers and printers: 33.41%).

We're again proud to let you know that in addition to Nalleli, who shared her college education opportunities with you on the first page of this annual report, thanks also to your donations, Aida, who also lives at Ciudad de los Ninos, is continuing her studies to become a chef. This has been Aida's dream for many years and she again asked that we thank you for paying for her tuition, her registration and for her class needs. She continues to excel and is enjoying and learning much from her classes. If it wasn't for Tres Islas' donors' support, she wouldn't be able to attend college and earn a degree where she can take care of herself.

Jesus Alberto – who also wrote you the first page of this annual report – is a senior in high school. As many of you remember, Jesus has received perfect grades since first grade and was crowned “king” of his junior high graduating class because of his excellent grades throughout his school years. When he graduates from high school, he would like to attend college to become a nutritionist.

Both Nalleli and Jesus would like to go to the U.S. or Canada and study further and possibly work one day.

This year, Luis Enrique also wrote you. He, too, is a wonderful boy, who is sincere about his studies and has aspirations of becoming a doctor or lawyer and eventually studying in the U.S. or Canada.

Your support of Tres Islas' education funds will be greatly appreciated and, as is verified by all three youngsters, as examples on behalf of all the children, thanks to your support, these youngsters are able to receive quality educations - and would not - if it wasn't for your kindnesses and generous help.

Thank you!

As part of reaching Tres Islas' annual educational needs, we are again humbled to offer a huge, sincere, heartfelt debt-of-thanks to Caroline and Roxanne from California for all the educational needs they generously and loyally provide each year. Their loyal, educational support truly is "the wings beneath (the children's) feet." And also, to two of Tres Islas' first donors, Dave and Dotty from Pennsylvania for their 16 years of assistance, Bonnie from Minnesota. . .always there and ready to help. . .no matter the distance or need. . .Bob and Deb, also from Minnesota and Fred and Chris of Mazatlán. . .

We are grateful to and thank you ALL.

Orfanatorio Mazatlán

The girls use their computers every day to complete their school studies and thanks to your donations, we're able to provide them needed computer supplies, including photograph paper. They have weekly activities that engage their thinking and creativity and they are encouraged to express their talents through artwork. This year, the girls' artwork was showcased in calendars that the community enjoyed. The girls attend school every day and study every day. Thanks to a very special donation, the girls attended "summer school" at Felton Academy - which is similar to a tech school - for one month. Here six girls studied areas of interest to them, including silk screening, beautician, jewelry making, pastry chef and kitchen essentials. This was a valuable time for the girls who studied and expanded their knowledge in areas of special interest to them.

Ciudad de los Ninos

The youngsters use their computers daily for their school needs and the older youngsters frequently stay in touch with us, letting us know that everything is going well, running smoothly and thanking you all for "being angels on earth to us."

When there's an orphanage need, because Madre Velia doesn't use a computer, she'll relay the orphanage needs to us via one of the youngsters on their computer. It's a win-win experience for all, because the youngsters learn needs in their home and know they have the security of turning to all of you wonderful Tres Islas donors for help. Along with their requests, which aren't many, they automatically send estimates - and all of this teaches them quality business practices. After the purchases or improvements are made, the youngsters send photos of the repairs or purchases. It's always heartwarming to see an added note from them such as, "thank you for making our home safe", "thank you for letting us count on you" or "thank you for always being there for us."

Father Tovar's Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo

Since Padre Horacio arrived at the boys' orphanage in 2010 (after the passing of its founder, Fr. Tovar, in 2009), the boys and the orphanage have a new sense of purpose, life, accomplishment and

peace. Padre Horacio is doing an outstanding job taking care of the boys and making sure they are kindly guided and loved, tend to their studies, are counselled and have lots of “boy-time” physical activities. The boys are smiling, once again and quickly and eagerly wave from the school yard when they see us pass by. Father Tovar would be proud and grateful to Padre Horacio for bringing continuity, meaning and importance to these boys’ lives.

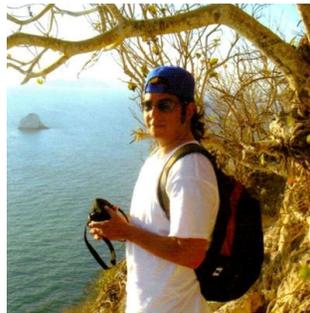
FloreSer

In this home where girls are rescued and received who’ve been abused from the effects of sexual predators, most arrive with little schooling, low esteem and little self-confidence. Some arrive having never received any type of formal education. The board of directors and caregivers are doing a wonderful job helping and letting the girls know, that when they first pass through the doors of FloreSer (which translated in English, means to blossom and to bloom), that this is their home, a safe house, where they may grow-up, dream and pursue the opportunities, careers and lives they choose.

Education is paramount here, including reconciliation – forgiving those who harmed and hurt them – and learning to take step-by-step, realizing, knowing and accepting that each one of them “is the most important person in my life.”

The girls are doing so well here, tended-to by a loving, compassionate, caregiving staff, devoted to them, their needs, their lives and their futures.

Christmas 2012



Christopher Jemio The Christopher Fund

Christmas dinners are made possible for the children in each of the orphanages thanks to the establishment of and donations to “The Christopher Fund.” Named in honor of Christopher Jemio, a kind-hearted and thoughtful young man from Pennsylvania who volunteered at Ciudad de los Ninos, Christopher died from a brain aneurysm on Christmas day 2005. Not long after, Christopher’s mother donated \$250.00 in Christopher’s honor to provide Christmas dinner for the children at Ciudad. It was only natural to honor this sweet young man who had a heart for children in orphanages, by creating a fund so all children in the orphanages could have a bountiful Christmas dinner each year. Christopher’s good mother, Teresa Jemio, kindly heads the Christopher Fund. If you’d like to honor the life of a very gentle, thoughtful and special young man who enjoyed helping the children in orphanages, you may provide these children a traditional Christmas dinner – with all the trimmings. Please earmark your donation to “The Christopher Fund.”

Christmas 2012 was again a meaningful time for all the children in the five orphanages. In addition to the children enjoying a delicious, bountiful Christmas dinner, they received meaningful

gifts from Tres Islas donors. From new shoes, sweaters, pajamas, undergarments – each child felt loved and appreciated (in addition to receiving things they truly needed) during this most-special of seasons.

For those who've had the pleasure of being at the orphanages at Christmas, seeing and hearing the children's excitement as they receive their presents is like no other celebratory moment. The children's joy truly does fill the air with their "Oh's and Awe's" of delight. Thank you, donors, for bringing these blissful moments and genuine delight to the children!

We thank each of you who help support these children in the many exceptional ways that you do each day, each month and throughout the year. To go beyond that and provide the children a nice time at Christmas is greatly appreciated.

To show how meaningful your Christmas support is, imagine being a child returning to school the day after the Christmas season has ended and being asked, "What did you eat for Christmas dinner?" And responding, "Nothing."

Or, being asked, "What did you get for Christmas?"

And again, having to answer, "Nothing; I didn't get anything."

The children in the orphanages aren't unlike other children in their yearning for love and kindness and to feel important and loved. For them to be able to respond that they ate the tastiest turkey of their life and received a new outfit, or shoes and a doll – or sheets and pillowcases selected just for them – and share that they had the best Christmas ever – really does positive things for their psyche. Thank you for making magical Christmas moments happen.

Construction Fund

Many construction improvements take place as part of – or in conjunction with – Tres Islas' annual Spring Mission Weeks, which always begin the first Friday after Easter. We invite everyone to join next year's trip (Friday, April 25 – Saturday May 3, 2014) and share in all the fun!

Beyond Spring Mission Weeks, construction improvements are made as needed. For example, this year, at Orfanatorio Mazatlán, the walls and windows in one of the rooms had begun to seriously decay. When the monsoon rains came, rain would leak inside through the windows and decaying walls. The orphanage board of directors wanted to make this room into a bedroom for the teenage girls. Thanks to Tres Islas donations, before donors arrived for Spring Mission Week, the walls were able to be repaired and the windows properly sealed. The cost to repair the walls was \$1,145.96. Thank you, donors, for making this much-needed repair – and all orphanage repairs – possible; thus keeping the orphanages safe-and-sound for the children.

During Spring Mission Week, donors then painted the repaired walls and ceiling; then completed the finishing touches for the room to be transformed into a beautiful teenage girls' bedroom.

At the Salvation Army Children's Home, the children needed blankets; even in Mazatlán, the night air between December and March can get chilly and many times, quite cold. Thanks to your donations, Tres Islas was able to purchase 20 much-needed blankets for the beds for \$155.78.

And then, the make-shift bathroom west of the kitchen needed finishing so it could be adequately cleaned each week and kept in a sanitary condition. Thanks again to your donations, tile was purchased and installed, sealing all gaps for \$611.72.

We do our best to steward every donation and item to its maximum so when necessities arrive – such as leaking walls or needs for blankets – these needs may be promptly provided.

Several projects are earmarked, "donor-specified" – meaning, donors have made donations specifically to cover the cost of the improvement itemized.

Construction fund projects are detailed below under the orphanage where they were completed.

Orfanatorio Mazatlán

Orphanage improvements this year, including the purchase of appliances, totaled \$5,021.71 (Last year: \$16,279.07).

- \$520.36 – New clothes dryer
- \$1,145.96 – Repair of interior & exterior front wall and teenage girls’ bedroom walls and add four single bed bases
- \$2,964.17 – Spring Mission Week paint, brushes and supplies (Note: the purchase of the Salvation Army Children’s Home paint, brushes and supplies were inadvertently included with Orfanatorio Mazatlán’s purchase and accounted for approximately one-half of the purchase)
- \$345.77 – Restock receiving room supplies (everyday sundries such as soap, etc.) (Donor-specified)
- \$45.45 – Photo printer paper and ink (Donor-specified)

Salvation Army Children’s Home

Orphanage improvements this year, including the purchase of appliances, totaled \$2,354.45 (Last year: \$7,193.60).

- \$164.95 – Repair washing machine
- \$157.34 – Purchase 20 blankets
- \$1,011.42 – Pay electric bills (Donor-specified)
- \$611.72 – Purchase and install kitchen wash room and bath room tiles
- The purchase of Spring Mission Week paint, brushes and supplies for donors to paint the exterior walls of the kitchen and dining room building and inside of the caregivers’ living room and hallway were inadvertently included with Orfanatorio Mazatlán’s purchase of paint, brushes and supplies – and accounted for approximately one-half, or \$1,200.00 of that total purchase
- \$363.57 – Restock receiving room supplies (everyday sundries such as soap, etc.) (Donor-specified)
- \$45.45 – Photo printer paper and ink

Fr. Tovar’s Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo

Orphanage improvements this year, including appliances, totaled \$16,704.16 (Last year: \$3,684.23).

- \$550.29 – Commercial grade blender
- \$2,166.13 – Commercial grade refrigerator – (Donor-specified from Cole’s Pay it Forward project)
- \$12,486.29 – 50 new mattresses, repaired family room furniture including heavy-duty cushions, installation of a security gate on the east side of the family room (where there

previously was a large opening), new windows and security bars in the boys' dorm, roof over the outside water fountain area and new chapel windows (Donor-specified) (balance of \$1,037.29, in addition, on this donor-specified project was paid in FY 2014)

- \$1,105.49 – Spring Mission Week paint, brushes and supplies
- \$350.52 – Restock receiving room supplies (everyday sundries such as soap, etc.) (Donor-specified)
- \$45.45 – Photo print ink and paper (Donor-specified)

Ciudad de los Ninos

Orphanage improvements this year totaled \$13,894.35 (Last year: \$3,464.95).

- \$773.26 – Commercial grade juicer
- \$628.58 – Computer room sunshades/curtains
- \$304.98 – Plates, cups and silverware
- \$26.64 – Screw driver set and drill bit set
- \$463.94 – Window screens
- \$85.91 – Ciudad de los Ninos bus battery replacement
- \$7,078.22 – Wasik Celebration of Life Memorial Garden (Donor-specified)
- \$500.89 – 3 tables, 3 chairs, and 2 fans for sewing room
- \$791.96 – Spring Mission Week paint, brushes and supplies
- \$139.38 – Ciudad de los Ninos white VW van electrical repairs and battery replacement
- \$612.86 – Floor tile repair materials and labor
- \$469.13 – Ciudad de los Ninos bus engine repairs
- \$145.11 – Toilet and kitchen faucet repairs
- \$81.89 – Sewing room shelves
- \$323.75 – Sewing room windows
- \$1,074.78 – Little children's bathroom upgrades/repairs: new toilet, sink, shower, faucets, tile, including materials and labor (Donor-specified)
- \$347.62 – Restock receiving room supplies (everyday sundries such as soap, etc.) (Donor-specified)
- \$45.45 – Photo print ink and paper (Donor-specified)

FloreSer

Orphanage improvements this year totaled \$7,299.48 (Last year: \$2,542.70).

- \$37.20 – Cement to repair reconciliation room floors
- \$545.48 – Tile & labor to repair reconciliation room floors
- \$124.99 – Plates dishes & cups
- \$108.14 – 13 new blankets
- \$439.84 – Install security lock on new balcony security door, install clothesline on balcony and on first floor, install new kitchen faucet with new hoses
- \$685.11 – Reconciliation room - 21 chairs
- \$771.24 – Reconciliation room projector
- \$690.60 – Reconciliation room tables
- \$107.57 – Volleyball net and balls

- \$116.75 – Reconciliation room wall repairs
- \$1,261.03 – Spring Mission Week paint, brushes and supplies
- \$140.99 – Reconciliation room speaker system
- \$1,875.24 – Materials and labor to repair four bathrooms
- \$349.87 – Restock receiving room supplies (everyday sundries such as soap, etc.) (Donor-specified)
- \$45.45 – Photo printer paper and ink

Spring Mission Week 2013

Spring Mission Weeks would not be possible without each of you, your kind donations that permit making necessary improvements to the children’s homes, coming to Mazatlán to spend time with the children, volunteering at the orphanages to make the improvements and verifying how your donations are being stewarded. Thank you for the support you give to the construction fund; your donations enable all of the improvements needed to be implemented.

Visitors to the orphanages say Tres Islas’ sponsored orphanages are the most up-to-date, positive and nurturing orphanages they’ve ever visited – **this is thanks to each and all of you.**

Before each Spring Mission Week begins, several months of planning and preparation takes place to ensure we accomplish the goals established to meet the needs of the children and provide volunteers with a life-time of wonderful memories.

We continue to be deeply grateful and are proud to give credit for a large portion of the planning, estimates and purchases that take place to Tres Islas facilitator Gaudelia “Fella” Cruz Hernandez of Mazatlán who spends countless hours making sure all the goodness happens during Spring Mission Weeks and throughout the remainder of each year when additional items need repairing or replacing. At Christmas, she helps organize Christmas parties, makes Christmas purchases and ensures each detail is met with perfection.

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So, wonderful donors, as you read the improvements made, please pause for a moment to remember that it’s because of – and thanks to you – that the improvements to the children’s homes take place – and, without you and your support, they wouldn’t happen. Thank you!

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Spring Mission Week 2013

In April, thirty-eight energized donors came to Mazatlán for Tres Islas’ ninth annual Spring Mission Week to make necessary improvements to upgrade the children’s homes, the orphanages, spend meaningful time with the youngsters and their caregivers, renew friendships with one another and welcome new donors.

The week began Friday evening with donors gathering for dinner at the seaside barbecue restaurant “Diego’s” as we all watched the first of many beautiful Mazatlán and Sea of Cortez sunsets.

Saturday, donors began making improvements at the orphanages starting at Father Tovar’s Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo.

Sunday, donors hosted the annual barbeque fiesta on the beach for all the children and caregivers from the orphanages. The food for the fiesta was purchased by specified donations. Each year, as part of their annual contribution to Tres Islas, La Costa Marinera Restaurant kindly sponsors the set up - including providing all the tables, chairs and sunshade. In addition, their chef grills hamburgers and hot dogs and they keep the cakes, ice cream and soda pop chilled. Donors served the children lunch, which included all the cake and ice cream the children could eat.

Before serving the children their lunch, the donors and children formed the traditional giant prayer circle on the beach and joined hands with one another. Caregivers from the Salvation Army Children's Home, Father Tovar's Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo and Ciudad de los Ninos stood in the center of the circle, turning around and around as Father Horacio first prayed out loud in Spanish and donor Guy translated into English so each child could understand. They thanked God for each of the children's and donors' lives and asked God to continue blessing the life of every child and donors who help them.

The circle of prayer has become a meaningful part of the all-children's beach barbecue. Having the children from all five orphanages stand side-by-side and hold hands with donors, caregivers and each another on the beach, steps away from the aqua-colored waters of the Sea of Cortez as their caregivers stand center and pray for them is a heartwarming, memorable moment. Those dining inside La Costa Marinara Restaurante are awe-struck at the sight and waiters tell us that the patrons, too, assume a moment of silence as the prayers are being offered.

When the prayer-in-the-round concluded, the children ate all the delicious barbecue and desserts their tummies could hold!

After lunch, the donors and children shared time together on the beach playing, swimming, building sandcastles and digging in the sand while orphanage caregivers enjoyed a much-deserved afternoon of relaxation at the beach.

As you'll see in the Year In Review presentation we've included, the beach barbecue continues to be a highlight of the week for children and donors. The children always ask if we'll please continue making it an annual event during upcoming Spring Mission Weeks. We want to honor that wish. If you'd like to donate and help sponsor upcoming beach barbecue fiestas, please feel welcome to specify that area on Tres Islas' donation form.

In conjunction with Spring Mission Week 2013, donors, caregivers and youngsters enjoyed a hearty lunch together at each of the orphanages and a tamale fiesta was provided at Orfanatorio Mazatlán - all by specified donations.

Spring Mission Week 2013 - What Donors Accomplished

Orfanatorio Mazatlán

During Spring Mission Week 2013, improvements donors made were:

- Painted the inside and outside of orphanage's front and side exterior walls.
- Painted the teenage girls bedroom and furniture.
- Painted a play table and chairs.
- Restocking and organized the receiving room bins with supplies for the coming year.

Connie and Terry, from Idaho, sponsored the delicious Domino's® pizza lunch that the children, caregivers and donors enjoyed together –thank you, Connie and Terry!

Salvation Army Children's Home

During Spring Mission Week 2013, improvements donors made were:

- Painted the exterior walls of the kitchen and dining room.
- Painted the inside of the caregivers' home (which had not been done in several years).
- Cleaned leaves and debris the roofs of all the buildings and ensured the drainage pipes were unobstructed.
- Restocked and organized the receiving room bins with supplies for the coming year.

The delicious lunch at the orphanage that day with the children was prepared by Tres Islas Facilitator Gaudelia "Fella" Cruz Hernandez – who is a former chef. She prepared authentic Mexican food which we all enjoyed eating outside, underneath the large palapa.

As an added treat after lunch – in a special performance for Tres Islas donors – the children donned native costumes from the vast regions of Mexico and performed authentic, folkloric dance routines for us!

As part of the children's education, Tres Islas pays for the children to learn the folkloric dance steps from each region in Mexico, the history of the region, the history behind the dance and the costuming.

During Christmas seasons, the youngsters perform their dances for Mazatlán residents and visitors.

Father Tovar's Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo

During Spring Mission Week 2013, improvements donors made were:

- Painted the exterior walls of the office, psychology room and infirmary.
- Painted exterior walls of the boys' shop class building (wood/metal working, etc.).
- Painted the exterior walls and entrance of the chapel.
- Planted fruit-bearing trees and palm trees (the fruit trees will help provide nourishing food and the palm trees will provide shade).
- Restocked and organized the receiving room bins with supplies for the coming year.

At noon, several of the orphanage's patronatos arrived to share time with donors and enjoy lunch together. The patronatos are comprised of the some of the finest group of businessmen in Mazatlán, who genuinely take a sincere interest in the boys' lives and all aspects of the orphanage's goings-on.

Donors ate an exceptionally delicious lunch – sponsored by Guy and Nicole from Colorado – thank you so much, Guy and Nicola! – with the boys, caregivers and patronatos. The lunch was prepared on the commercial-grade barbecue grill that a wonderful Tres Islas donor purchased for them three years ago. Father Horacio said he regularly uses the grill (he’s also quite the master chef!) as an incentive for the boys and on special occasions for them.

Before lunch, the patronatos unveiled a beautiful plaque honoring Tres Islas’ and Tres Islas donors’ many years of dedicated service to the boy’s home. The plaque reads:

HOGAR SAN PABLO, A.C.

IT GIVE US A GREAT HONOR TO THANK
TRES ISLAS ORPHANAGE FUND
FOR THEIR COMMENDABLE, TIRELESS AND
ALTRUISTIC WORK ON BEHALF OF THIS BOYS’ SHELTER

OUR ETERNAL GRATITUDE

(Please read more about this earlier in this report and enjoy photos in the Year In Review.

Ciudad de los Ninos Orphanage

During Spring Mission Week 2013, improvements donors made were:

- Put the finishing touches on the “David and Dorothy Savolskis Wasik Celebration of Life Garden” which we’ve detailed below.
- Painted and organize a designated sewing center. The caregiver nuns sew everything they possibly can for the orphanage: bedspreads, curtains, tablecloths, clothes, habits, table runners – you name it, they sew it. At Christmas, Sister Rosie let us know their two sewing machines had literally ground to a halt. Thanks to your donations, we were able to purchase three sewing machines for them and we’ve created a designated sewing room, complete with tables, chairs and a place where the children will learn to sew. An added bonus to this room is when Tres Islas visitors come to Mazatlán, you’re invited to showcase your sewing skills and teach the children these meaningful skills.
- Purchased and installed a new faucet and drainage pipes on the kitchen sink.
- Replaced flexible water line on bathroom toilet.
- Restocked and organized the receiving room bins with supplies for the coming year.

The children, orphanage staff and donors enjoyed a very delicious lunch of fresh garden salad, spaghetti and BBQ ribs from Madre’s favorite restaurant, Cocina de Ana’s. This delicious lunch was sponsored by Bruce, Phyllis, Bill and Deb from Washington – and we thank you all, very much, for providing it.

Our day was highlighted with Nalleli (whose thank you letter to you is on the cover page of this annual report) playing her guitar and singing for us. Nalleli also prepared and spoke a very heartfelt thank you – in English and which she addressed to all Tres Islas donors – for all you provide for her and the 31 other youngsters who live at the orphanage.



For those unable to join us during Spring Mission Week 2013, here are Nalleli's thoughts, as she penned and then said them, in English for each and all of you and a photo taken of Nalleli as she was talking with us all. . .

Good afternoon everyone, my name is Nalleli, and I would like to talk about the good things you have done in our house.

First of all, I would like you to know that everything you do here in our house is helpful for the children.

There are so many things that with your help have happened. That is why I am so thankful and we all thank you for your help.

Thank you so much for our school supplies, our uniforms, our shoes, the stainless steel shelves, for the screen doors, for the computers, for the stove, the washing machines and for the \$200.00 dollars for food each week.

Thank you so much for the food you provide by giving donations to the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund, because this is the way we get the food and all things for our school and for our house.

Maybe you don't know this, but we all eat because you make it possible; every Tuesday, Madre Velia goes to Soriana to buy the food for the week thanks to Tres Islas donations.

All these things happen because you make it happen.

We have a comfortable house because Tres Islas knows the needs we have in our house.

And if this is not enough let me tell you that you are also the reason why we are studying and have an education. Tres Islas also pay the tuitions for our schools.

We have the opportunity study in a regular school and at the same time we study English at Teacher Gabino's Academy.

I really appreciate your help, thank you to all the donors that make it possible and I invite you to continue helping our house. Thank you so much and have a wonderful day.

We hope you know by Nalleli's earnest thank you above, that every donation you provide, every help you kindly give, truly does make the positive difference in the children's lives.

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The David and Dorothy Savolskis Wasik Celebration of Life Garden

The family of David and Dorothy Savolskis Wasik wanted to do something special in honor of Dave's and Dotty's 50th wedding anniversary. Donors to the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund since 1997, Dave and Dotty have often visited Mazatlán and participated in Spring Mission Weeks.

Dave and Dotty's children contacted us about creating a special garden and park at Ciudad de los Ninos as their anniversary present to their parents and as a lasting gift to the children at Ciudad. We visited with Madre Velia about the concept and she was delighted! Shortly after Christmas, work began mapping-out, designing and clearing the massive overgrowth in the front area of the orphanage.

Thanks to the help of Mazatlán resident James Goodman, his construction company, Mazatlán Construction, and Gabriela at Jardisin, creation of the garden took shape over three months.

First, clearing the ground began:





Next came the beautification:



After three months preparation, Madre Velia and the children, joined by Tres Islas Facilitator Gaudelia, cut the ribbon and dedicated the David and Dorothy Savolskis Wasik Celebration of Life Garden



Here is a photo of the finished garden to which Spring Mission Week donors painted the surrounding walls and buildings and manicured the grounds



We're grateful to the entire Savolskis and Wasik family for their support of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund and all the orphanages since 1997. Madre Velia, Sister Ofelia, all the children and caregiver nuns are grateful to them for this beautiful space they provided which they're all enjoying - and will continue to enjoy - for years and years to come. . .

Thank you all.

During Spring Mission Week, donor Mary, from New Mexico, noticed – and immediately became concerned – about the decaying bathroom in the little boys’ bedroom.

The toilet was not properly functioning, the sink leaked and there were no doors or curtains on the shower stall. The floor tile needed replacing after 43 years of use by the children. The wall tile needed re-grouting and the ceiling needed patching and painting. The window was rusted and had no mosquito screen on it.

Mary wanted to sponsor these much-needed repairs. She asked Madre Velia and Tres Islas to get estimates for them; then make the necessary repairs to make the bathroom function – including new sink facets, soap dish fixtures, toilet, mirror, towel racks, shower head and shower facets and working window with mosquito screen.



Thank you, Mary and Joe, for sponsoring all of these necessary improvements! The children and Madre Velia are so happy – and grateful to you both!

FloreSer

FloreSer is Mazatlán’s newest orphanage and was the first of its kind in Mexico – devoted to young girls and teenage girls rescued from being forced into prostitution, sexually abused in their homes and/or physically abused. Cristina Pena, president of Orfanatorio Mazatlán, is the founder and vice-president of FloreSer. Gaby Perez is FloreSer’s president. Translated, the name FloreSer means “to bloom or to blossom.”

Located below the sewing center which Tres Islas donations completed two year ago, the psychological, spiritual and reconciliation room was completed last year and is a welcomed addition to the girls’ lives.

During Spring Mission Week 2013, improvements donors made were:

- Painted the interior and exterior walls of the reconciliation room.
- Painted the exterior walls of the house.
- Painted the patio/barbeque area walls.
- Unpacked and set up the tables and chairs and placed them in the reconciliation room.
- Painted the basketball and volleyball court walls and put up a new volleyball net.
- Restocked and organized the receiving room bins with supplies for the coming year.

The delicious lunch at FloreSer was sponsored by Floyd, Donna, Kim and Loretta, from Canada, who prepared delicious sandwiches, fruit plates and yummy desserts that were enjoyed by the girls, caregivers and donors.

After lunch, Tres Islas donors were presented with a plaque that is permanently attached to the reconciliation room and honors Tres Islas donors for we listened to a presentation from the board of directors regarding the purpose of reconciliation and healing program and were presented a beautiful plaque honoring Tres Islas donors for the significant role Tres Islas donors have played in helping establish FloreSer and for the positive difference donors and your donations have made in the lives of the girls.

Upcoming and On-going Needs at the Orphanages

In addition to weekly food and education costs, the following are the upcoming and on-going needs at the orphanages. If you'd like to help with these needs, please let us know and/or designate them on your donation form. Thank you in advance, for your meaningful support.

➤ **Restocking the Receiving Rooms at all Orphanages**

An annual, on-going need is to keep the receiving rooms at all five orphanages stocked with every day supplies such as hand/bath soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, toothbrushes, deodorant, undergarments and cleaning supplies - everything any household would use daily. If you'd like to help with these items, please mark your donation accordingly - it would be a big, big help. We are hugely grateful to Mary and Joe from New Mexico for their loyal support each year which helps restock the receiving rooms. Thank you for recognizing this need!

 **To restock each of the five orphanages' receiving rooms costs between \$350.00 - \$400.00 every 6 months.**

Orfanatorio Mazatlán

1. There is a great need at Orfanatorio Mazatlán for another bathroom for the children. The orphanage now has 7 toilets, 11 sinks and 8 shower stalls for 19 children. When the children get

ready for school each morning, the lack of enough toilets, sinks and shower stalls adds significant time to their school preparation. But most important is at night, when the little girls – most between 2 and 5 years old – need to use the rest room, they must walk from their bedroom (the little children’s and babies’ bedroom) across the orphanage compound and into the teenage girls’ bathroom. This is a real challenge for them, and sometimes scary, because they need to walk across the orphanage at night, in the dark. Another risk factor is bathing the babies in the winter. Babies are bathed, as best they can be, in their bedroom – because if they’re taken to the teenage girls’ bathroom across the orphanage and bathed, bringing them back to their own bedroom in the cold, winter air risks making them sick.

There is space to add a bathroom to the children’s bedroom. This would be a huge help for many reasons. First, when the little girls need to use the bathroom at night, they could use it in their own bedroom and not have to go out and across the orphanage in the dark. Second, it would add two toilets, three sinks and two shower stalls to the orphanage – which will provide a big help when the children are all getting ready for school each morning. And last, to be able to bath the babies in the warmth of their own bathroom and not expose them to the cool, brisk air that flows through the open courtyard, will be paramount.

The estimated costs are: materials – \$5,000.00; labor – \$3,655.00; tax – \$1,298.00. The total cost for construction of the new bathroom, including materials, labor and tax is \$9,953.00. If you’d like to sponsor – or help sponsor – this much-needed project, please let us know – and earmark your donation on Tres Islas’ donation form as “Orfanatorio Mazatlán Children’s Bathroom.”

2. A second need is to replace the existing, dilapidated storage closets in the girls’ dormitory where the children’s bedding, blankets and towels are stored. Both closets are 50-plus years’ old and are deteriorating from the sea salt and 50 years of use. They are pretty-much “held together” by paint relocating the hardware from time-to-time to hold it together. The estimated cost to replace the two storage closets in the girls’ dormitory – which will be made with the same quality wood as the lockers Tres Islas donations replaced two years ago – is \$1,643.00. If you’d like to sponsor – or help sponsor – this needed project, please let us know – and earmark your donation on Tres Islas’ donation form as “Orfanatorio Mazatlán Dorm Storage Closet.”

3. And the third need is to replace the pantry storage closet between the kitchen and the dining room. Like the storage closets in the girls’ dormitory, these doors, too, are pretty-much “held together” by paint and relocating the hardware from time-to-time to hold it together. The estimated cost to replace the kitchen storage pantry doors is \$677.00. If you’d like to sponsor – or help sponsor – this needed project, please let us know – and earmark your donation on Tres Islas’ donation form as “Orfanatorio Mazatlán Kitchen Pantry Doors.”

➤ **Construction Needs**

- ✓ Construct little children’s and babies’ bathroom: \$9,953.00
- ✓ Replace storage closets in girls’ dormitory: \$1,643.00
- ✓ Replace kitchen pantry: \$677.00

 **Total estimate of Orfanatorio Mazatlán construction needs: \$12,273.00.**

➤ Little Luciana

The last six years, we've shared with you the needs of adorable Little Luciana who was born with facial and left ear deformities.

Luciana has a congenital anomaly known as hemi facial left microsomal (HMF). HMF is a genetic disorder in which one side of the face is underdeveloped at birth and as a result, affects the auditory, oral and mandibular regions.

During gestation, the disorder twisted Luciana's facial alignment and at birth resulted in - impeded - her ability to clearly speak, properly chew (and ultimately properly digest) her food.

Thanks to your support, the Fund was able to send Luciana (who is now 9 years old) to Casa Azul in Monterrey, Mexico - the only medical clinic in Mexico which treats this type of defect.

Doctors took an impression of Luciana's mouth and a device that looks much like a ball was placed in Luciana's mouth which she wore 24-hours a day, with the exception of when she ate. The device, used to straighten Luciana's jaw with the rest of her face, was adjusted every four months. The cost of creating and fitting new device was \$150.00 U.S. dollars. For this reason, each quarter - and sometimes every two months, depending on the need - Luciana and her caregiver travel to Monterrey - so she could be measured for a new device, allow 24-hours to create and mold it and then fit it into her mouth.

Since receiving her treatments, orphanage caregivers are able to understand Luciana's words and she's correctly able to chew her food.

While her medical treatment by doctors is free, Luciana and one of the orphanage caregivers, Rafaela, who is the director of day-to-day administration, must travel from Mazatlán, which is located on the west coast of Mexico, to Monterrey, which is located on the east side of Mexico. The journey also includes the need for a hotel room, usually for one night and occasionally for two - and taxis.

The medical device improved her defect and began the alignment. Because she succeeded so quickly, she became a candidate to have one of her ribs removed and implanted into her jaw that will hopefully enable her jaw to properly begin normally growing on its own.

In the summer of 2011, when Luciana's condition was optimum for her surgery, Tres Islas donations provided the funds needed and, thanks to you, Tres Islas donors, Luciana and Rafaela made the trip to Monterrey right on time, as scheduled!

While the surgeons kindly donated their skills for free, the anesthetic and related operating room supplies were not able to be provided. For those costs, Tres Islas paid \$3,100.00. The total cost of the trip - including the anesthetic and related operating room supplies and first follow-up visit one month later, came to \$7,770.59.

Prior to her surgery, doctors drew Luciana's blood to run the usual post-op tests. One test they performed was to learn the status of her vitamin and mineral levels - expecting that she would need to take vitamin and mineral supplements prior to her surgery.

To doctors' surprise, Luciana's blood work showed her vitamin and mineral levels were fine - and no supplements were needed! This is a testimony to the quality of food your donations purchase for the children in the orphanages - so thank you, once again, Tres Islas donors, for all you do for the children!

Luciana's surgery was a success and Luciana and Rafaela need to make follow-up doctor visits to Monterrey to monitor her progress every few months and adjust or create a new mouth piece that helps her mouth and chin correctly align.

She has also been seen by a plastic surgeon, who will, in the near future, create a left “ear” for Luciana. It’s estimated that surgery will take place when she is around 14 years old. It’s not known at this time if she’ll ever hear from this ear.

Your continued donations to help Luciana for her upcoming doctor visits and for her future surgery would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers, your donations, your kindnesses and concern for this precious little girl who has a wonderful future – thanks in very large part – to each and every one of you.

✚ **The cost for Luciana’s doctor visits every three months averages \$900.00.**

➤ **Medicine**

There are five Orfanatorio Mazatlán children who must take medicine every day – two suffer from epilepsy. We are seeking a donor – or donors – who would like to sponsor the purchase of the children’s prescribed monthly medicine on an on-going basis. Please contact us if you’re interested.

✚ **The estimated cost of the monthly medicine is \$132.18 – or, \$1,586.14 per year.**

Salvation Army Children’s Home

➤ **Dance Classes and Regional Costumes**

As many of you know, the children at the Salvation Army Children’s Home learn the historic, ethnic dances of Mexico, and, donning authentic costumes of each region, perform the dances and sing Christmas carols throughout the Christmas season for residents and tourists. At the end of each performance, they pass a donation plate. Money collected helps pay for items such as electricity, gasoline for the van (which takes the children to-and-from school and their dance performances), cleaning and other assorted items Tres Islas does not provide.

The cost of the children’s dance lessons is \$45.00 per week September through the second week in December. These dance classes teach the children the history of the various regions of Mexico, how dance evolved into the specific pattern of the region, respect for their country’s heritage, the meaning behind the intricate costumes, intricate dance steps and how to work together.

Dancing in front of those who reside in Mazatlán and visitors to “the Pearl of the Pacific” – and interacting with them after the dances - is invaluable.

If you’d like to sponsor one week – or as many weeks’ dance lessons as you’d like – please feel welcome! – and indicate your donation is for the “Salvation Army Children’s Home dance lessons” on your donation form.

✚ **The estimated cost for the children’s annual, folkloric dance lessons is approximately \$800.00.**

Captains Asael and Rocio Flores need a lawn mower and weed-eater to cut the grass and mow down the weeds around the children’s homes. Right now, they must use machetes – and that is hard-labor that takes a lot of additional time.

✚ **The estimated cost for the lawn mower is \$358.00 and the weed eater is \$300.00 or, \$658.00 for both.**

Father Tovar's Home for Boys...Hogar San Pablo

Construction Needs

The boys' dormitories need the 16 ceiling fans replaced. Due to their age and the orphanage adjoining the Sea of Cortez, the sea salt in the air has corroded them. The estimated cost to replace the 16 ceiling fans is \$1,168.00 (total) or, \$73.00 each, including installation.

Padre Horacio would like to install shelving in the room where the boys' clothes are kept. This would allow the clothes to be sorted and housed by size and garment. Not only would this allow for better organization, it would also allow for easier laundering and storing all garments. This shelving unit would take the place of lockers. The estimated cost to build and install the clothes shelving unit is \$3,333.00, not including paint.

✚ **Total estimated cost of Father Tovar's Home for Boys. . .Hogar San Pablo construction needs: \$4,501.00.**

Ciudad de los Ninos Orphanage

➤ Education needs

Nalleli's and Aida's College Needs

As you read on the first page of this year's annual report from Ciudad youngster, Nalleli, she continues to excel in her college studies.

Having the privilege of watching Nalleli grow up and knowing the exceptional student and young lady she is, we couldn't make a finer recommendation to you for your support. Professor Gabino Covarrubias, one of Nalleli's English professors, continues to praise Nalleli by saying, "Tres Islas donors are getting their monies' worth supporting Nalleli's education. She is one of my star pupils and she will one day soon become an excellent English teacher!" Nalleli will graduate from Teacher Gabino's English Academy (considered to be the finest English teaching institution in Mexico) in December. She will continue her studies at the university and is working toward her college degree.

Aida, who's studying to become a chef at Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa, is very sincere about her studies, too. In aiming toward her dream of being a top-notch chef, she just completed her first menu selection – paring all components of a complete meal from appetizers to desserts – food preparation and presentation to the public at Mazatlán's Emerald Bay Pueblo Bonito Resort! As part of this presentation – and having accomplished so much in her culinary studies, Aida just received permission from her instructors to purchase and wear her first chef uniform and chef hat.



If you're interested in supporting Nalleli's and or Aida's college educations, please let us know. As in every area, we'll atone to you for every cost and keep you updated on her college life and studies.

Jesus Alberto and Luis Enrique, whom you also heard from at the beginning of this year's annual report, are now studying English at Teacher Gabino's English Academy – in addition to their regular school studies.

Taking studies seriously and putting your best efforts forward in junior high and high school is a big responsibility in itself. To ask to study English on top of these studies – and to have to travel additional miles by bus to do so because the English Academy is not part of their regular school – is an additional responsibility. For Jesus Alberto and Luis Enrique, it's a challenge they both invited and are succeeding at, too. We ask for your continued support of them because they both have their eyes set on college – and we have no doubts, they will excel in higher education as well.



Last Spring, Tres Islas had the pleasure of partnering with and helping coordinate beauty school studies for Dulce, sister of Nalleli, who wants to become a beautician. Debbie Rodríguez, owner of “Tippy Toes” beauty salon in Mazatlán, is sponsoring Dulce’s beauty school classes and has hired Dulce to work part-time at her beauty salon. We’re grateful to have the opportunity to help coordinate Dulce’s goals with Debbie and to watch Dulce succeed!

✚ **The estimated cost for Nalleli’s and Aida’s annual college expenses are \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00 and the estimated cost for Jesus Alberto’s and Luis Enrique’s English classes are \$1,500.00.**

➤ **Construction needs**

The walls and ceiling in one of the children’s bedroom need repairs. They’ve been damaged due to sea slat intrusion and an old roof leak:



The walls on the outside of one of the teenage girls’ bedrooms have the same, deteriorating issues:



The walls need to be repaired as soon as possible; if not, they will continue to decay and will eventually cause structural damage that will be a far-greater expense to repair.

✚ **The estimated cost of all wall repairs and replacing the tile in the bedroom is \$1,000.00.**

The freezer is barely working and is about to completely stop. Because of the cost of repairs and its rusted condition after all these years, it would be more economical to purchase a new freezer in the long run. Madre Velia said they would like a smaller freezer because they don't store frozen food for long periods of time - so they don't need a large one - plus, a large freezer uses more electricity than a smaller one would.

✚ **The estimated cost of a new, commercial-grade freezer is \$1,250.00.**

Their blender (not a commercial-grade) is about to wear-out. It's making horrible (about ready to stop) sounds and not properly blending. It would be better to purchase a commercial-grade blender because the motor will last longer and, it will be made of stainless steel - which will not corrode.

✚ **The estimated cost of a new, commercial-grade blender is \$550.00.** (Tres Islas purchased the same, commercial-grade blender for Fr. Tovar's Home for Boys in December 2012).



They are in need of two irons. The one they have is about to wear-out. Having two makes more sense because they have many clothes to iron.

✚ **The estimated cost of two new irons is \$80.00**

➤ **Tractors**

Ciudad and the Salvation Army Children's Home could both use a heavy-duty lawn tractor, which they would share, to mow down the weeds that grow every year. This would be a huge help to ward-off fire danger and it would also give donors who visit Mazatlán in addition to Spring Mission Weeks something valuable to do. Keeping the weeds/grass mowed would be a significant help and improvement to each orphanage. Ultimately, we'd like to purchase a small farm tractor with a front-end bucket, bush-hog mower and tiller so they could have a garden at Ciudad and the Salvation Army Children's Home. Or, perhaps someone reading this report will know a business that would be interested in donated any of these needed machines.

✚ **The estimated cost for a lawn tractor would be approximately \$4,500.00.**

FloreSer

➤ **Construction Needs**

FloreSer has two storage rooms in the house (main building). One is the receiving room – which Tres Islas keeps stocked with sundries and school supplies throughout the year – and the other is located in the fourth “bedroom” (upstairs) where blankets, sheets and clothes are stored (right now, mostly in cardboard boxes and black, plastic bags – which isn’t good because it’s difficult to tell what’s in the bags, to keep it organized and it increases the “invitation” for rodents).

Because more girls are arriving at FloreSer, the director of administration, Brenda, sees the need to use the fourth bedroom as an actual bedroom. She would like to change the current receiving room into an office for the psychologist who regularly helps the girls.

Brenda would like to convert the room that is located immediately east of and adjoins the reconciliation room (in the building north of the house) into the new storage room. Because this room has ample space, it would enable keeping all storage items together, including a refrigerator now located in the laundry room (because there’s no other place for it at this time)

For Spring Mission Week 2014, would appreciate Tres Islas donors help in painting and preparing the rooms. This would include donors making some door frame adjustments and repairs.

In conjunction with this, donors would move the items from the existing, smaller receiving room, fourth bedroom and refrigerator into the new storage room, then set-up the new bedroom and prepare the office for the psychologist.

Items needed that will enable the projects to come to fruition are:

- ✓ Paint: \$200.00
- ✓ One bunk bed for the new bedroom: \$292.00
- ✓ 3 lockers: \$100.00 each; \$300.00 total
- ✓ 8 shelving units: \$120.00 each; \$960.00 total
- ✓ 10 storage bins: \$11.00 each; \$110.00 total

 **Total estimated cost for above projects: \$1,862.00.**

And last, there is a real need to provide a bathroom in conjunction with the reconciliation room for those attending reconciliation classes. The classes are primarily attended by the girls but also by other youngsters in the community – and adults, including the girls’ families when it’s determined to be in the best interest of the girls and there is real hope and signs of becoming a healthy family with the potential of possibly reuniting one day.

 **Total estimated cost for above project: \$650.00.**

 **Total cost for all above FloreSer construction needs: \$2,512.00.**

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund’s Spring Mission Week April 25th – May 3rd, 2014

We accomplished a great deal during Spring Mission Week 2013 and everyone had a grand time! As in past years, there was constant conversation and laughter throughout the week as we “labored-in-love” at the orphanages. From planting to painting to sharing creative activities with the children, donors experienced a week to remember.

We thank all donors who could help this year and we invite everyone to join us for Tres Islas’ next Spring Mission Week, April 25th – May 3rd, 2014. We encourage volunteers to arrive Friday, April 25th, as we’ll start orphanage improvements and activities at one of the orphanages Saturday, April 26th.

We're frequently asked if there's a possibility of having too many people come on one trip. The answer is an emphatic, "No!" ☺ ☺ - We always need and want more donor participation.

This is your personal invitation to join other Tres Islas donors in the fun and reaping the rewards of helping the wonderful children!

If you'd like to participate in this coming year's trip April 25th - May 3rd, 2014, please let us know. Donors have been signing-up since mid-summer and everyone is welcome.

We promise you will:

- Experience a rewarding and memorable time.
- Interact one-on-one with the children - who'll be grateful for the time you share.
- Make a positive difference in the children's lives.
- Meet other donors who, like yourself, care about the children.
- Share smiles, laughter and the most wonderful "work" you'll know in one week.
- Want to return to participate in the children's lives again and again.
- Have time to enjoy beautiful Mazatlán and its delightful, friendly citizens.

Please join us April 25th - May 3rd, 2014 - and every year! You're invited!

Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Accounts

Escrow Account

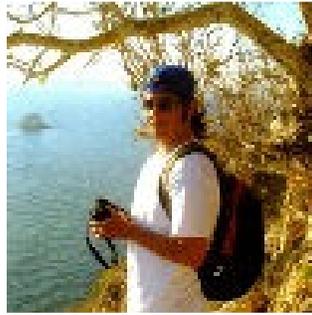
The escrow account serves as the main depository account for the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund. Each donation is deposited in the Fund's escrow account. From there, donations earmarked for other accounts are transferred into those accounts.

At the conclusion of each calendar year, we transfer all money from the escrow account, with the exception of the amount needed for the upcoming year's food purchases for the orphanages, into a sixth-month (or longer) certificate of deposit to earn interest.

Grocery Account

Donations earmarked for the grocery account or "where most needed" remain in the escrow account until needed. On the last day of each month, the amount needed to purchase the children's food in each of the orphanages for the upcoming month is transferred into the grocery account.

Christopher Fund (Christmas Dinner Account)



Christopher Jemio

The Christopher Fund was established in 2007 to honor the late Christopher Jemio, a fine and gentle-hearted young man who had compassion for children in orphanages. He volunteered at Ciudad de los Ninos Orphanage. Christopher was exemplary of having a heart of gold for giving.

Christopher died from a brain aneurysm on Christmas Day 2005. The following year, his mother, Teresa, sent \$250.00 to help Ciudad – the exact amount needed to purchase the orphanage’s Christmas dinner. It was appropriate – and an honor to name the Christmas dinner account in honor of kind-hearted Christopher. We’re pleased that Christopher’s mother, Teresa, is stewarding the fundraising of this meaningful account.

If you’d like to help provide Christmas dinners for any or all five of the orphanages (\$250.00 per orphanage), please designate your check – for any amount – to the Christopher Fund. You’ll make many children happy on this most special of Mexican holidays and keep the memory of a kind and selfless young man named Christopher Jemio, who had a dream of going to Mexico to make a positive difference in an orphanage, alive forever.

Education Classes Account

Established by Rev. Robert Mischke, M.D., and Genca Mischke, this Tres Islas account sponsors education classes that may not be taught in all schools such as computer and English classes. It also sponsors college and/or tech classes for youngsters after they have graduated from high school.

In the case of the newest orphanage, FloreSer, many of these girls have received no education and must be placed in special classes that will, even though they are in their teens, allow them to “start from the beginning.”

It is a goal of the Fund that after each youngster graduates from high school, he or she may have the opportunity to enter college or tech school so when they leave the orphanage, each young lady or young man leaves being able to take care of themselves financially and becomes good, contributing members of society.

While Dr. and Mrs. Mischke established this account, they encourage and invite everyone’s support of it to ensure each child receives a quality education. Donations are needed and appreciated for the education classes’ account throughout the year.

Education Supplies Account

From this account, the Fund purchases the youngsters' school supplies, including school books, school shoes, school uniforms and school backpacks in which the youngsters carry their school books and supplies.

The condition of the backpacks is assessed annually. If they're in good condition, they aren't automatically replaced at the beginning of the school year. Like the education classes account, donations are needed and appreciated for education supplies throughout the year.

Construction Account

Donations to this account make necessary orphanage improvements such as replacing water pumps, appliances and roof and building repairs. When the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund began serving the orphanages, each was in a sad state of disrepair from sewage flowing on the ground to bare floors to rodents living in appliances.

Thanks to donations, the orphanages have been upgraded to meet health, safety and welfare needs, including all improvements made by specific donations to the construction account for improvements during the Fund's annual Spring Mission Weeks.

Your continued support of this invaluable account will be greatly appreciated and will allow the children to live in safe and sanitary homes.

Admin Account

As always, 100 percent of your donations go directly to help the children with nothing taken from any donation for administration costs, salaries, stipends or compensation of any kind.

Administration costs are covered by us - Donelle and Tom Manton, as part of our contributions to the children. This way, when you donate to Tres Islas, you may do so knowing that 100 percent of your donation truly does reach the children and their needs.

Over the years, many of you have asked if you could help with administration costs - including postage to mail these annual reports and gasoline to take donors to and from the orphanages during Spring Mission Weeks - and we've always said we want all donations to go to the children.

Last year, Tres Islas Facilitator Gaudelia "Fella" - who, since the inception of the Fund 26 years ago, purchases the food, school and construction needs for all the orphanages on behalf of Tres Islas - shared with donors how we work together coordinating efforts - via long distance on the phone.

Donors Julie and Mark, from Minnesota, saw the need for Gaudelia to have a computer and camera - so she could take pictures of projects and email them as well as take photos of the children's needs, ongoing and completed projects for documentation to share with donors.

Because Julie and Mark kindly and generously volunteered to purchase a computer and camera for Gaudelia for Tres Islas' use, we visited with the Fund's accountant and determined we needed to open an administration account - for rare times like these - to keep these purchases separate from the main Fund purchases for the children - and to separately be able to itemize them to all donors.

The cost to purchase the laptop computer, printer, software and computer case was \$1,124.67.

The cost to purchase anti-virus software was \$124.55.

The cost to purchase the camera was \$74.89

 **Total cost for the above items: \$1,324.11.**

Then, donors Guy and Nicola, from Colorado, wanted to help with Fella's gasoline costs for the many trips she makes to stores for orphanage purchases and numerous trips to the orphanages each month. So, for one year, Guy and Nicola are kindly donating \$50.00 per month to help pay for gasoline for her car since she, too, is a volunteer and does not receive a salary – and especially for her paramount contributions to the children's lives.

“Because of Kenny Project”

Minnesota donor Julie Foster loves taking pictures. She has an entire wall in one room of her and her husband Mark's home lined with photo albums. When their daughter Amelia was born, she took so many photographs that her husband Mark suggested she buy stock in the company she uses to develop her pictures. She loves to show Amelia her baby pictures and the progression of her growth, documenting her youth.

A few years after Amelia was born, the Fosters adopted Kenny, from Russia, when he was 18-months old. Julie shares that it's difficult to explain to him why they don't have any baby pictures of him, adding, they detect sadness in his eyes because he doesn't have pictures for this part of his life.

Because of Kenny, it occurred to her that the children in the orphanages the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund supports don't have memories of their children in photographs either. Realizing it's the same for the children in the orphanages as it is for her son Kenny, they won't have pictures to show their families how they looked and what they did while they were growing up.

The Fosters approached the Fund this year about creating the “Because of Kenny Project” to establish funding to equip each orphanage with a digital camera, a photo printer and a photo album for each child's pictures. What a great idea! The Fosters have donated the funds, the purchases have been made and the delivery of the fifth orphanage's set of equipment is taking place this Christmas.

Donations are needed to supply on-going materials such as ink-printer cartridges, printer photo paper and a photo album to be presented to each child residing in an orphanage or to give to each child who comes to the orphanage.

Everyone is welcome to help each child document their childhood and have fond memories of their young life to take with them when it comes time for them to leave the orphanage by donating to the “Because of Kenny Project.”

“Sophia's Fund”

Expecting their third child, a girl, on February 25, 2008, Sally and Paul Schumack were thrilled at the prospect of adding Sophia to their and their twin daughters' family. While the delivery “went off without a hitch,” Sally shares that a special-care nurse brought their newborn daughter to them saying they needed to monitor Sophia's breathing. That night, their baby experienced several “spells” in which she stopped breathing, appeared to choke and turn blue. After two days, she was transferred to a neonatal intensive care nursery where it was determined she lacked gagging, sucking and swallowing reflexes.

Ultimately, Sophia's ability to live without full-support declined and on March 21, 2009, Sophia's family made the decision to stop interventions and release Sophia to God.

Connecting with other families who've experienced similar losses, they've learned children truly are a gift and while we don't know how long they'll be with us, Sophia's family said they, "learned to lean on God; because He truly will walk with us through grief if we ask and allow him to."

Sophia's aunt, Julie Foster, wanted to keep Sophia's memory alive in a meaningful manner. Over the past several years, her family has fallen in love with the children residing at Ciudad de los Ninos and supported them through their donations to the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund. Working with Mother Superior, Madre Velia, who helped found Ciudad de los Ninos, they were able to establish a garden in honor of Sophia - for the children living at Ciudad to enjoy. Included in the garden is a memorial plaque dedicated to Sophia and all children everywhere.

Everyone is invited to help purchase fruit trees, flowers or vegetable plants for the gardens at each of the orphanages in honor of children living, or as a memorial for children or family members who've passed away. Please indicate which orphanage you'd like to receive your living gift on the donation for under the construction account and earmark it for "Sophia's Fund" in honor of the children and loved ones in your life.

"Gloria's Kitchen"



Gloria Geraths

April 15, 1934 - February 4, 2010

"Gloria's Kitchen" is named in honor of the late, benevolent Gloria Geraths, who, for a number of years was instrumental in helping the children in Mazatlán's orphanages as part of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund. Gloria frequently prepared homemade meals and desserts for the children. She was instrumental in organizing the first barbecue beach parties for the children in the orphanages. And, she and her good husband, Lloyd, often took the children to purchase their school shoes and stopped for ice cream on the way home - in addition to taking the children to dinner for their birthdays. She also organized and coordinated the first "adopt" a child for Christmas program - at Orfanatorio Mazatlán - which for years she lovingly oversaw - in conjunction with the children's Christmas dinner.

Donations to Gloria's Kitchen will allow the purchase of an additional \$50.00 per week of fresh fruits and vegetables for each of the orphanages.

We invite you to please continue the positive impact Gloria's life had on the children by carrying on her goal of providing them nourishing food each week through donations to "Gloria's Kitchen."

Next Year's Projections

The Fund's number one priority each year is to continue purchasing healthy, nutritious food for each child at the orphanages. We're budgeting \$200.00 for food per week each for four of the orphanages (Orfanatorio Mazatlán, Salvation Army Children's Home, Fr. Tovar's Home for Boys and Ciudad de los Ninos because of the number of children living in these orphanages or who are expected to arrive the next few months). We're budgeting \$125.00 per week for FloreSer, which currently has 10 girls.

On average, how much have we budgeted for each child's food in the coming year?

Here's the math:

- The total food budget for all five orphanages = \$48,100.00.
- \$48,100.00 divided by the 131 children in all five orphanage = \$367.18 per child per year.
- \$367.18 per child per year divided by 52 weeks per year = \$7.06 per week to feed one child.

The summary table below presents the projected costs for all five orphanages during the coming year; not including costs for construction, appliances, and Luciana's medical assistance.

Projections for all five orphanages for the coming year:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Food	\$48,100.00
Christmas dinners	\$ 1,150.00
School supplies	\$ 4,000.00
School shoes	\$ 3,300.00
School uniforms	\$ 4,125.00
School backpacks	\$ 1,800.00
Education (Classes)	\$ 6,650.00
Medical	<u>\$10,800.00</u>
Total for <u>all five</u> orphanages	<u>\$79,925.00</u>

Total projected expenditures for all five orphanages for the coming year, including construction, appliances and Luciana's medical assistance, is \$99,925.00.

Please refer to the attached summary spreadsheet for itemizations of expenditures at each orphanage for this past year, projected expenditures for the coming year and a comparison with expenditures during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Dividing the projected \$99,925.00 for the coming year by the 131 children present in the five orphanages at this time, amounts to \$762.79, or \$2.09 per youngster, per day, to provide nourishing food, school supplies, shoes, uniforms, backpacks, education classes and orphanage improvements at their homes, the orphanages. This small amount of money daily equates to a huge impact...the children have a nourishing, well-educated, productive, safe and quality life for an entire year!

This past year's expenditures of \$133,152.56 divided by the then 126 children in the five orphanages at that time equaled \$1,056.77 annually or \$2.90 per youngster, per day, for their care.

The goal of the Fund has always been to provide the quality of life to each child in the orphanages that will help them grow up to be well-nourished, healthy, educated, motivated and positive-contributing members of society.

We strive to be prudent in our purchases and never extravagant. We value your trust and your donations. Without you, the children would not have the quality of life they now do.

The Fund operates on a “donations received basis” meaning, we never know from year-to-year how much we will be able to provide the orphanages each year. We have always trusted in the Lord to touch the hearts of donors to provide and we will continue to do so.

See the Benefits

We invite you to visit the children any time you’d like. Part of the beauty of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund is that you’re always welcome to participate in the children’s lives.

So donors may participate in the children’s lives and meet one another, we especially invite donors to gather in Mazatlán:

- At Christmas - to see the benefits your donations have accomplished over the years. You’ll enjoy Christmas dinners with the children as you spend time with them and see the great difference your contributions make. Please let us know how we may help as you make your plans.
- For Spring Mission Weeks - please be sure to sign-up for the Fund’s next Spring Mission Week April 25th - May 3rd, 2014 (arriving April 25th). As you’ll see in the accompanying compact disk, the rewards are many, true friendships are forged and at the end of the week, you’ll be glad that you came and for the great accomplishments you’ve made.

The *2013 Year in Review* presentation on the enclosed compact disk was made with *Windows Live Movie Maker* software for viewing on your computer. If you need the presentation in a different format (DVD to play on a television instead), please let us know. We want to be sure you can enjoy the many pictures of the children. Please feel welcomed to share the disk with family, friends and others - such as your church and organizations with whom you’re affiliated. The presentation will also be available for viewing online at our webpage.

Gaudelia “Fella” and Jasmine Cruz Hernandez



We always do our best to provide you the most detailed and accountable information for your donations because we value you and your contributions. Without you, the Fund would not exist.

The food, school supplies, uniforms, backpacks, shoes and many of the construction projects for all five orphanages continues to be purchased by Gaudelia “Fella” Cruz Hernandez and her lovely daughter, Jasmine. Were it not for their dedication, generosity, love and good-heartedness, the

Fund could not operate as it does. Each week they spend many hours tending to the grocery shopping needs of the orphanages and maintaining accurate records for verification to each of you.

Fella has been with us from the beginning of the Fund. When Donelle received a newspaper assignment in 1987 to “photograph the children of Mexico” and wanted to visit an orphanage, it was Fella who took her to Orfanatorio Mazatlán – where Donelle discovered there was little food and her “assignment” changed from taking photos of some awfully cute kids to that of raising the awareness and donations to help the children in Mazatlán’s orphanages. For 26 years, Fella has remained a steadfast and intricate part of Tres Islas.

Imagine buying more than 100 pairs of school shoes, uniforms, backpacks and coordinating purchasing enough school supplies for an entire year for more than 100 children! Whew! But yes! That is exactly what Fella and Jasmine do. Fella and Jasmine are two other angels on earth.

In addition, Fella also takes donors on tours of the orphanages.

Because of Fella’s 26 years of loving and loyal service to the children and caregivers in Mazatlán’s orphanages on behalf of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund, Fella was selected to be “Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Volunteer of the Year 2008.”

Bob and Janet Schmitt

The Fund continues to be blessed by Bob and Janet Schmitt, winter residents of Mazatlán each year from November through May. While in Mazatlán, Bob and Janet are “on call” to help Fella and Jasmine purchase food, take children to dinner on their birthdays (as part of Bob and Janet’s donations), purchase piñatas and cakes for the children on special days such as birthdays or Christmas, and participate in the children’s lives. Additionally, they help sponsor the college tuition, books and lab supplies for some of the youngsters’ – which provides the youngsters the higher-education they otherwise would not receive.

Janet organizes the “Adopt-a-Child-for-Christmas” program at the Salvation Army Children’s Home. Bob and Janet take photos of the children and record the children’s clothing and shoe sizes. They post the children’s pictures and needs for winter residents and visitors to “adopt.” They collect all the gifts, wrap those that are not wrapped, buy treats and take any one who would like to participate to the orphanage to share in the children’s Christmas. As you have seen over the years and in the accompanying photos, the children are thrilled to receive such lovely gifts.

If you’d like to sponsor a child for Christmas, we encourage you to do so! We’ll email you the picture of “your” child and the gifts you bought them if you can’t make it to Mazatlán for the Christmas party. Fella and Janet do an outstanding job of making Christmas special for each child and are to be commended for their painstaking efforts.

Bob and Janet also represent the Fund in meeting those of you who visit Mazatlán when we aren’t there and take you on tours of the orphanages.

They are our “lightning rods” – meaning, when we need advice, they’re always there for us and provide us with sound advice and trustworthy guidance.

Additionally, Bob and Janet work with The Vineyard “La Vina” Christian Fellowship of Mazatlán. Their ministry connects the English and Spanish-speaking communities, devoting itself to bettering the lives of the less fortunate.



The Fund has been blest for over 16 years to have the loving presence of Janet and Bob Schmitt and we can't thank them enough for all they do for the children and for being our sounding blocks when we need to run an idea by them and for their Godly, loving guidance.

Because of the total sum of their altruistic work helping both the young and most needy residents in the municipality of Mazatlán, Bob and Janet were named "Mazatlán's Citizens of the Year 2008" by Mazatlán's *Pacific Pearl* news magazine, the most-read news magazine for the English-speaking community living in or visiting Mazatlán and received Tres Islas' "Guardian Angel Award" in 2012.

Heidi Englade, Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Volunteer of the Year 2013



Heidi, being presented Tres Islas' 2013 Volunteer of the Year award by 2011 recipient, Teresa Jemio

Heidi Englade, of New Mexico, was named Tres Islas Orphanage Fund's "Volunteer of the Year 2013" during Spring Mission Week. She was presented the award by Teresa Jemio, 2011 Volunteer of the Year recipient.

Ever since Heidi learned about Tres Islas and the opportunity to help the children in the orphanages, she has raised awareness to others – including facilitating two front page newspaper stories in the *Albuquerque Journal*, making beautiful jewelry and taking it to New Mexico stores to sell (Heidi does not keep one cent to reimburse her costs – 100 percent from each sale goes directly to the children) and teaching the girls at FloreSer how to create jewelry. And this year, she's selling pecans to help raise money so the talented lady clowns may return to the orphanages for a third year during Spring Mission Week 2014 and bring hundreds of smiles and countless moments of laughter to the children's faces.

The award was first presented to all Tres Islas donors by Cristina Pena and the board of directors of Orfanatorio Mazatlán for over 20 years of service to that orphanage. The award has since become a "traveling award" which is awarded to a Tres Islas donor or donors each year for the exceptional difference they've made for children residing in the orphanages.

The first Volunteer of the Year recipients, in 2007, were Helen and her late husband, Bill, from Michigan and Bucerias, Nayarit, Mexico who've loyally helped the children for 16 years.

Gaudelia "Fella" Cruz Hernandez was the recipient in 2008; Lena Brown, 2009; Michael J. Veselik and Mazatlán's *Pacific Pearl* Newsmagazine 2010, Teresa and Christopher Jemio "The Christopher Fund" 2011 and Cole Philipp from Canada's Northwest Territories in 2012.

Congratulations, Heidi, and thank you for all you do for the children. You are a blessing and a joy to us all! And you always, always make us smile!

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A very special mission. . .

Tres Islas donors Bob and Deb, from Michigan, have a special place in their hearts for the Salvation Army Children's Home and the children who reside there. Retired from a lifetime of teaching and school supervising, Bob and Deb now devote a large part of their lives to helping the children at Mazatlán's Salvation Army Children's Home.

From January through March each year, Bob and Deb return to Mazatlán to participate in the children's lives and help at the Children's Home.



Included in Tres Islas' annual report three years ago were calendars made by the children at the Salvation Army Children's Home. Overseeing the project were Bob and Deb. This project taught the children to write numbers and months in English and Spanish, learn to say the months of the year in English and learn a meaningful, notable event each month of the year - in Mexico, the United States or Canada.

Bob and Deb help the children prepare their thank you Christmas cards that you receive in the annual reports and work on crafts with the children. Deb helps mend and update the youngsters' folkloric dance costumes and Bob and Deb gather estimates and help shop and coordinate Spring Mission Week projects.



In addition, Bob and Deb continually raise awareness of the need and opportunity to financially help these precious children to their family and friends - both in the U.S. and Canada - and through their church.

Thanks to Bob's and Deb's help, their family, friends and church members, donations have been raised for a variety of vital needs that help keep the Children's Home running much like a well-tuned engine - that when properly maintained, moves steadfastly forward and operates very well.

As shown in the left-hand photo above, when it comes time for Bob and Deb to return to Michigan each spring, the children want to hang onto them and not let them go: a testimonial to the positive effect wonderful people like Bob and Deb make in the children's lives.

If, like Bob and Deb, you'd like to become more involved with any of the five orphanages - including, perhaps take an extended stay in Mazatlan to volunteer your help - please feel welcome to contact us and we'll gladly help you coordinate!

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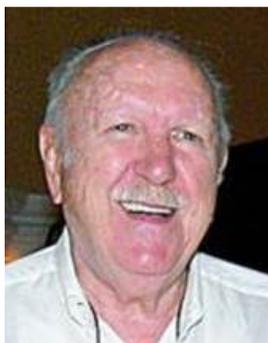
Each and every donor is a very dear friend in varying and vast ways. The Tres Islas Orphanage Fund could not do all it does for the children in the five orphanages if it weren't for the truly wonderful donors. And so, when one of Tres Islas' "family of friends" becomes ill or passes away, we all grieve and mourn for the loss of our loved ones.

A Tres Islas Orphanage Fund memorial tribute To one of Mexico's most benevolent gentlemen

Francisco "Pancho" Madero Herrera

1929 - 2013

President, Hogar San Pablo Patronatos and Benefactor Extraordinaire



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of Francisco Madero Herrera, President of the Board of Directors of Hogar San Pablo (Father Tovar's Home for Boys) who passed away Tuesday, July 30th at the age of 83.

For many who've participated in Tres Islas' Spring Mission Weeks over the years, you'll recall Senor Madero as the kindhearted and humble gentleman who shared time with us and extended his gratitude to all Tres Islas donors for the positive difference and contributions Tres Islas makes to the boys' lives.

Senor Madero was one of the most influential businessmen in Mazatlán, the state of Sinaloa and northwest Mexico. It is not only his business savvy, but his devoted relationship with God, meaningful and methodical way he led his life, deliberate beliefs he espoused and way he treated others - each and every person, no matter their station in life - that made him the truly great man he was. He was an authentic gentleman from the "old school" - where generosity toward mankind, practicing kindness, the paramount importance of family and friends and serving others - were his priorities. In his lifetime, he was an entrepreneur of multiple businesses and 500 employees. He treated each employee as his friend and dignified each of his relationships with his employees with respect, compassion and always a listening ear.

Senor Madero enjoyed walking and on his daily walks, he spent time with God in prayer and during these times, the benevolent and meaningful priorities of his life's endeavors grew even deeper and more profound.

Most of all, he loved and adored his wife of 57 years, Nathalia Sofia Rodriguez Garcia and their three children, of whom he was exceptionally proud: Rodolfo Gerardo, Maria Veronica and Natalia Sofia.

The trappings of money never marked his personal life. Unpretentious, more often than not he would be seen in a simple white shirt and casual pants. It was the opportunity to help others and make the world a better place – permanently reinvesting in Mazatlán, its Mazatlecos (residents of Mazatlán) and Mexico – where the accomplishments of the money he garnered were directed.

Even if he didn't know you, he would be the first to greet you, with his grandiose smile and genuine, "Hello, how *are* you?"

He always wanted to know your thoughts, what was important to you, how you saw life. More often than not, I recall him asking, "What do you think?" And, he genuinely meant the request behind the question. I can still see him tilting his head, pondering the answer he was hearing; then courteously sharing his thoughts – but only after giving the opportunity for others to first share theirs.

Senor Madero gave his whole being to making life a celebratory opportunity to help others and improve their lives. By his actions and his deeds, he set the bar high for each of us to continue pursuing life's good works on behalf of others less fortunate than we.

While accomplished, benevolent gentlemen like Francisco Madero come along once in a lifetime, it's the sum of their good works in our having the blessing of knowing and watching them that makes us better people – as the inspirational legacy of their example and tutelage illustrates the model for each of us to follow.

Although we may not know how we may provide as much to the betterment of others as Sr. Madero did, we can sure have fun along the way trying – and he would be humbly grateful to have inspired us all.

Two days after Senor Madero's passing, his life was celebrated and soul consecrated to Heaven in a simple, God-filled funeral mass. His ashes were interred in a niche at the one of the places he helped establish and make successful for others: Father Tovar's Home for Boys, Hogar San Pablo.

In his passing, as in his life, Senor Madero asked for nothing in return for his kindnesses and benevolences, except for a kind memory. That will be easy, an honor and a privilege to do. . .

*Descanse en paz, Senor Madero; vida bien vivida.
Rest in peace, Senor Madero; life well-lived. . .*

Thank you. . .

A Tres Islas 'tip of the hat' to the following businesses. . .

Mazatlán's *Pacific Pearl* News Magazine

When you're away from Mazatlán, please be sure and read Mazatlán's best news magazine, Mazatlán's *Pacific Pearl*, by going online to www.pacificpearl.com. When you're in Mazatlán, pick up a copy – it's free! And it's Mazatlán's most helpful guide!

For 21 years, Mike Veselik has been the "eyes and ears" connecting the English-speaking, living and visiting community in Mazatlán. Mike is a steadfast supporter of the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund – publishing at least one story about the Fund and children each year.

Thank you, Mike for helping the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund – and all Mazatlán charities!

Mazatlán's *Noroeste* Newspaper

We're grateful for the faithful support of Mazatlán's *Noroeste* newspaper, its owners, editorial staff and photographers for their continued documentation of Tres Islas' Spring Mission Weeks. *Noroeste* always lets the good people of Mazatlán know about the endeavors of Tres Islas and spotlights all donors who come to offer friendship, kindness and help to the children in the orphanages.

KPNW 1120 AM Radio – Oregon

Radio talk show hosts Bill Lundun and Robb Holloway kindly invite us from time-to-time to join them on their morning radio program *The Wake-up Call*. Reaching homes and businesses throughout Oregon's Central Willamette Valley, we're grateful to Bill and Robb for graciously inviting us to share Tres Islas' needs and opportunities to help with their listeners "loud and clear" across Oregon's airwaves. This year, Bill kindly produced a radio commercial (public service announcement) to help raise awareness and routinely airs it on KPNW. On behalf of all the children they help, we thank Bill, Robb and KPNW for their benevolent support. Please be sure to listen to the public service announcement on the enclosed CD.

Thank you to the following compassionate companies for their outstanding support of the children and the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund with their kind services:

- **EPUERTO**, the Fund's Internet provider and webpage host headquartered in Coos Bay, Oregon. You may visit EPUERTO at www.euerto.us.
- **Staples** in Roseburg, Oregon for donating the paper on which you read this annual report.
- **Canon Solutions America** in Roseburg, Oregon for providing all copy services used to produce this annual report for you, free of charge.

We sincerely thank each of the above businesses for their generosity in helping us serve the children. . .

In closing. . .Thanks of each of you, the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund is in its 27th year serving the children. We ask please, for your continued support. Your on-going help continues to make positive differences in the lives of the children who are equally grateful to you.

One hundred percent of all of your Tres Islas donations go toward the betterment of the children with nothing ever taken from any donation for administration, salaries, stipends or compensation.

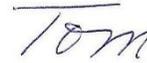
Your Tres Islas Orphanage Fund donations are 100% tax deductible because all donations truly go to the children and the IRS recognizes the Fund as a 501(c) (3) charitable organization.

May our Lord bless you and yours as you have blessed the children which the Fund humbly serves on your behalf.

With immense gratitude,



Donelle Manton, Founder



Tom Manton, Vice-President



Enclosures - extras - lots and lots of good things to read and pictures to see - just like always!

Yahoo! - And God bless you, Folks!