



# **August 2021 Newsletter**

## **Tres Islas Orphanage Fund**



### **Time to Gear Up for 2021-22 Back to School Year**

*TIOF Donors are building bright futures for the children now and all year long!*

The pandemic certainly derailed school this past year. First everything shutdown.

Then schools started teaching students virtually 100% of the time. Heading "Back to school" last year was anything but normal. While students and their caretakers have had a short break to enjoy summer and take a brief reprieve from the chaos caused by the pandemic, another school year is just a few weeks away.

As a new school year begins, your donations will ensure the following for the children:

School supplies

Technology (with online school the need for laptops is critical to learning)

Tutoring/Tuition

Fresh food (makes sure kids are not too hungry to learn and succeed)

Sanitary/safe living and learning environment

THANKS to the GENEROSITY of our DONORS, *TIOF* is helping to build brighter futures for the children and their caregivers! Keep reading below to see how your donations will help us to “gear up” for the 2021-22 school year.

Michelle

### **From our Vice-President Guillermo after visiting in Mazatlán:**

As we are all aware how the world has been affected by this pandemic, many countries are still experiencing high volume of cases. Mexico is one of them, Mazatlán has not seen much improvement in cases as they remain in red, causing the start of 2021 school year to remain online.

Hogar San Pablo, has made a request in need of 6 laptop computers, They have 23 children working online with just 2 working laptop computers.

We are sending out a plea for donations towards this very needed cause, as we all keep on praying for this crisis to come to an end very soon. Each computer will cost approximately \$500. If you are able, a donation in any amount would help to provide the needed computers.

Guillermo



A report from TIOF treasurer, Connie:

Being a treasurer of a nonprofit is a new experience for me. I like working with numbers but previously it was in the business world.

**Tres Islas Orphanage Fund has 11 monthly donors at this time.** We thank you very much for your dedicated support. The monthly donations do not cover the average monthly expenses **BUT**, we have wonderful donors who surprise us with a sizable donation every now and then. This is how a nonprofit works. Our average monthly expenses are \$7,575, average monthly donations - \$4,359. Here's where the unexpected donations come in to cover the "shortage"

**Tres Islas rarely solicits donations.** I am sure that most of our donors receive mailings asking you to give to various charities. There are times when we could use a little extra help for items not included in our monthly budget. We ask and our faithful donors always come through. **Being the treasurer of Tres Islas Orphanage Fund is rewarding because of our amazing donors.**

**For example:** One of our generous donors is paying the monthly college tuition and enrollment each year for a young lady at Ciudad de los Niños. She has just finished her 2nd year, receiving high grades, and enjoying her studies very much. She plans to be a teacher and is very appreciative of this opportunity. A huge thank you to this couple."



## Volunteer Spotlight

I learned of Tres Islas in 2008 and attended my first Spring Mission week 2009. Met Donnell and Tom Manton and caught their enthusiasm-it was so very contagious. I deeply admired their all consuming dedication when it came to balancing full time jobs, organic farm operations, and overwhelming dedication to the orphans of Mazatlán. They were unparalleled.

I've been able to attend the mission weeks for ten years. This involvement has broadened my world beyond measure! It's been a perfect fit for fulfilling my desire to be involved in a productive way with orphanages in Mexico. Year after year I was able to spot some familiar children's faces and make a connection with them. Over the course of these 10 years, I've had the unique opportunity to watch many, many of them mature, grow by leaps and bounds and buy into the love afforded them by their caretakers. In time during that decade, I've witnessed many children reach the threshold of venturing out into the world. They have been given an abundance of love, safety, education and preparation for this step. ALL of this made possible by Tres Islas.

There is nothing greater than to be riding in a taxi in Mazatlan and engaged in the inevitable conversation about what we are doing there during our vacation - then as we near our destination to one of the orphanages —the driver says " Oh ,yes , I used to live there! I grew up there! Don't know what I would have done without them!!"

Heidi Englade

(Donelle Manton began our Tres Islas Orphanage Fund over 30 years ago)

