



January Newsletter



From Julie



We at the Tres Islas Orphanage Fund are excited to embark on our 31st year of supporting the orphanage children in Mazatlán, Mexico. It's an exciting time to be involved with the TIOF. There is a lot of updates in this newsletter including introducing our new Board members, update on Financials, Christmas giving, Spring Mission Week, partnering with a Canadian organization, The Gems of Mazatlán and several

other updates. I hope you enjoy reading our newsletter.



New Board Members



Vice-President

Hi my name is Guillermo Prado. I was born in Mexico and raised in California. I am also semi retired as an Architect/Construction manager and live part time in Mazatlán. I was introduced to Madre Vela from Ciudad de Los Niños about 4 years ago. After discussing their needs, we worked and funded a couple of projects on our own. Believing there was

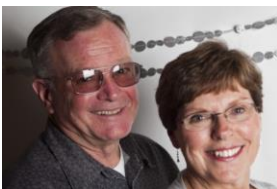
more work to be done, I contacted Tres Islas last year to offer my time, ideas and how we can raise funds for all the different needs in Mazatlán. My ideas and construction background will make Tres Islas much stronger in helping achieve our goals.



New Board Position

We have added a new position to our Board bringing it to five. Chris Christensen will be filling this position. Chris was born in Washington and was raised in Washington and Alaska. He served time in the army as a helicopter pilot and later worked for Alaska Airlines eventually retiring as a senior captain pilot. While in Mazatlán more than 20 years ago, he and Jan saw a performance of the Salvation Army Orphanage dancers perform. This resulted in their becoming involved with Tres Islas. Over the years they added participating in Spring Mission Week. In doing so, they have made lasting friendships and plan continued involvement.

Guillermo



Chris & Jan



Partnership with The Gems of Mazatlan

As you know, the TIOF has been actively supporting the children in the Mazatlán orphanages for over 30 years. This is made possible by the generous donations from people from several countries, but mainly from the United States and Canada. Since TIOF is an approved 501c3 charitable organization, it is able to provide our U.S. donors with a tax receipt. For our Canadian donors, we looked at the possibility of setting up a TIOF Canada in order to also be able to provide a tax receipt. Unfortunately, we were not able to accomplish this. However, we have since started a relationship with a Canadian organization called The Gems of Mazatlán. They are a Canadian recognized charitable organization also doing great work in Mazatlán

orphanages. Originally, their charter included only working with the Salvation Army, however, it has since expanded to include Ciudad de los Niños along with all other organizations in Mazatlán housing orphaned, abandoned or neglected children (i.e. FloreSer, Rancho de los Niño's, Orfanatorio Mazatlán, Hogar San Pablo, Refugio Mazatlán). We have worked together on some joint projects and have been able to provide donors for these projects with tax receipts from their respective countries. We want to provide you with this information as an opportunity to still support the children in Mazatlán, however, if you wish to receive tax credit for your donation, we wanted you to be aware of another option. Contact

information for donations for TIOF remains the same as always:

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Coeur d'Alene Idaho 83816 or via pay pal - see the website at www.orphanagefunds.org

or for The Gems of Mazatlán
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Education Report From Refugio

ASIGNATURA	I	II	III	SEMESTRAL	PROMEDIO	PEDRO
ETICA	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	
MATEMATICAS I	10.0	9.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	
QUIMICA I	9.2	10.0	9.2	10.0	10.0	
PROMEDIO	9.65	9.78	9.68	9.89	9.82	

This is just a section of a report of the First Semester grades for the studies of one of the boys in Refugio. All the reports had very high grades. This is the message we received from Refugio:

Hello to the our Education Supporters at Tres Islas,

The boys of Refugio are doing so well at school. We wanted to share their excellent results with you. Please see the attached for the First Semester grades for the boys in Preparatoria only. Thank you again for the wonderful opportunity you have helped make possible for these young men. Our sincere thanks, Nicola and Guy

Spring Mission Week

Spring Mission Week is getting closer. Already we have over 20 volunteers committed to coming to Mazatlán. We, along with Deb and Bill Ayers, are making plans for some changes to improve the Fiesta. We have such a great time together during the week. There is still time to sign up and make your reservations. If you would like to come let us know at allendome@frontier.com



Bruce and Phyllis Allen



Christmas at the Orphanages



Thanks to the generosity of our donors, each child received a special Christmas gift again this year. Jim and Michelle Bonner provided gifts for Ciudad de los Niños. For FloreSer, gifts were made possible by Joy Stewart from Hay River as part of the Cole Philipp's Pay It Forward Project. Other donations for gifts at the remaining orphanages

were made possible by:

Joe & Mary Cotruzzola,
Heidi Englade,
Dorothy Wasik
Dorothy Salvolskis

Other donors gave to the Christopher Fund which provided a Christmas dinner at each orphanage. Thanks also goes to:

Bret & Deanna Bannan
Ricardo Cobian
Patrick & Deirdre Cooper
Mary Harbaugh
Joseph & Mary Beth Tabit
Sharon Tribendis
Bernadette Wanyo
Teresa Jemio
John Cavanaugh

Tres Islas Website

Unfortunately, there is an issue with the Tres Islas Orphanage fund website domain name. This is preventing folks from sending in contact forms, questions or comments. They are receiving a bounceback notification. TIOF is working diligently with the provider to get

this issue resolved. In the interim, if you need to contact us with questions or for information, please contact Julie Foster directly at julsfoster@gmail.com or 651.334.1803.



Financial Thanks From the Board

The Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Board would like to express a heartfelt "THANK YOU to our kind, generous, and caring donors during 2017." Donations in December exceeded last year by \$5,388. Support for Christmas gifts for the children was exceptional. Overall, we had a very good year.

We added support of Refugio Mazatlán on a limited basis in 2017. Tres Islas donors, Guy and Nicola Lansdown, established Refugio when they saw the need to help young boys reach their full potential by providing encouragement and help with education in a controlled environment. It is working very well.

The board wishes you a happy and fulfilling New Year!

Julie, Guillermo, Connie, Phyllis and Chris

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at email@orphanagefunds.org

