

# January

**TRES ISLAS ORPHANAGE FUND**  
**JANUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

## Reflections and Projections

We have just finished another year of support for the homes we support in Mazatlán. We helped to provide a wonderful Christmas by providing a gift (at a cost of \$25) for each child and youth. Each home was also provided the funds to have a special Christmas dinner. We are able to do this with your [generous donations](#).

Here is a summary of what your donations were able to provide during 2019:

- \*\* 1,092 meals at a cost of \$68, 483 for the year, feeding approximately 165 kids and caregivers which translates to an approximate cost of \$415 for each individual for 2019.
- \*\* School Supplies including uniforms, backpacks, and shoes.  
Total cost of approximately \$8,851 or \$80/child
- \*\* Health and Grooming aids - \$1,742
- \*\* Christmas dinners - \$1,143
- \*\* Christmas gifts for 135 children - \$5,357
- \*\* Our share for a new roof at Ciudad - \$8,420

The Gems of Mazatlán provided the rest of the roof funds

[A complete expense report will soon be on our website – [tresislas.org](http://tresislas.org)]

**Thank  
You**

## What Tres Islas Has Meant to Us

Bruce and I have been connected to Tres Islas for almost 10 years. Our participation came about through a desire to participate more fully in the real Mazatlán. We had a timeshare with Pueblo Bonito Mazatlán there and had visited many times. "Tourist" activities were no longer that inviting. Since we are not "sit on the beach" tourists, I decided to explore mission possibilities. After searching the internet, I found a reference to Tres Islas Orphanage Fund. I contacted Donelle Manton and our journey with Tres Islas began. Our work with the orphanages has helped with expanding our perception of the world and the people in it. We have also made many dear friends among the volunteers. Even though we only meet with most of them once a year or even up to every third year, we feel comfortable and blessed with these friendships. Several of our grandchildren have attended mission weeks with us and we can see the difference it has made in their lives. They have broadened their respect and tolerance for people across our nation and across the world. Our world would be a better place if more people would step out of their comfort zone and mingle and help other people around the world. They would experience as we have, that people everywhere are more alike than different.

Bruce and Phyllis Allen

**Happy New Year from your Board**

Please feel free to contact any one of us with concerns or suggestions!

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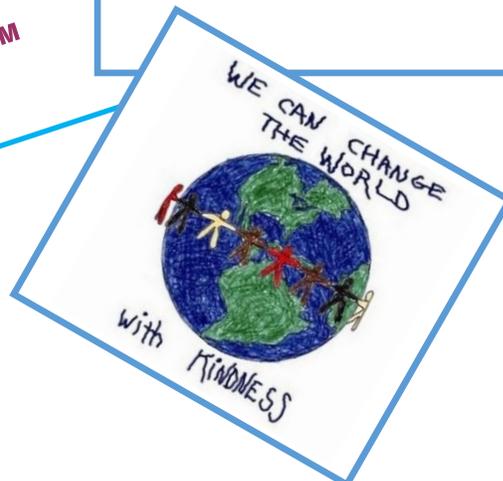
**We meet online monthly via ZOOM**

## OUR 2020 VISION

**During this coming year, we hope to continue to meet the needs of those children and youth of Mazatlán living in the homes that we support.**

**This support has its pay off in making responsible and contributing citizens of our neighbor Mexico.**

**Feel proud of your contribution!**





# SPRING VOLUNTEER WEEK

## 2020- MARCH 14 TO 21



**Name Change:** The Board has changed the name to Spring Volunteer Week. Although most of the volunteers have some religious connection and we do include prayer on several occasions, our time together is very ecumenical and is not directed toward religious experience.

**Schedule of Events:** Most volunteers arrive on **Saturday the 14th** and we meet together for dinner during which we plan for the work week.

**Sunday, 15th:** A fun time with ice cream, cookies and activities for the children at Ciudad de Los Niños.

**Monday to Friday, 16-20:** We meet at a designated resort and proceed by taxi to one of the orphanages to help with a project such as painting. We share taxi expenses.

**Evenings during the week:** We get together 2 to 3 times during the week to have dinner at a favorite restaurant.

**Friday, 16th:** Our farewell dinner. Again at one of our favorite restaurants.

**Saturday, 21:** Most volunteers fly home.

**All volunteers will receive a more detailed itinerary** which will include locations of restaurants at which we will meet, and where we will work each day. **You can be flexible** with the time that you give to TIOF during the week. If you want to do some tourist activities during the week, you just need to let Phyllis or Connie know which activities you will attend.

If you are going to attend this year, you need to notify Phyllis as soon as possible. (before the end of February would be great!) We need to know when you will arrive, where you are staying and a phone number if you will be using your phone while there. A resort phone number is helpful if you will not have an operating cell phone.

Any Questions?  
Going to Attend?

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Texting is also good



A Fun, Rewarding Week  
Hope to See You There!

Coordinators:  
Phyllis Allen, Connie Montanye &  
Jim Bier

Make your reservations as soon as possible. For help with this, contact Phyllis or Connie.