



Orfanatorio de Mazatlán IAP

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Tres Islas Orphanage Fund
3717 Monroe Avenue
Cheyenne, Wyoming U.S.A. 82001

Atte: Tres Islas Orphanage Fund Donors:

Once again, on behalf of the children who reside in Orfanatorio Mazatlan and our board of directors, I have the great pleasure of writing to thank each of you for your continued support in helping our children over the past year.

While it is impossible to express the depth of our gratitude to each of you on only one page, please know that all of our hearts – the children's and the board of directors' – reach across the miles to you in this letter and we say, "T H A N K Y O U!" to each of you for helping our children each and every day.

Through your continued support, the children know you love them and they love each of you, too.

From last October through this October, we thank you for:

1. Purchasing the food each week in the amount of \$150.00 U.S. dollars. From fresh vegetables and fruits to fresh fish, chicken and beef to eggs, whole wheat bread and pasta, each day the children ate three nourishing meals from each of the important food groups – thanks to you. And of course, this translates into healthy minds and bodies. They are growing up so good thanks to you and your help!
2. School supplies, school shoes, school uniforms and backpacks to carry their books and school supplies in for the 2008 – 2009 school year. What a difference it makes for a child to begin school and throughout the entire school year and have the necessary supplies to learn with, sturdy shoes for their feet and decent clothing that gives them pride.
3. English classes for two of our girls – Isabel and Dulce – at Teacher Gabino's English school. Thanks in large part to this, Isabel is now a foreign exchange student for one year in California and Dulce is in Italy. Imagine that! Thanks to your continued support, our children are "taking flight" into success, all because you care for them.
4. A new mattress, two sets of white sheets and a blanket for each of the children's beds. Thank you for providing a complete, comfortable and warm bed for each child to sleep in every night. Having a good mattress for the children's bodies, new sheets and warm blankets for our cool nights means so much to them as they cuddle up and go to sleep.
5. Repairing and painting the outer wall so the front of the orphanage is a good introduction to the children's home and an overall impression of who we are and what we represent inside.
6. Christmas dinner 2007 for \$250.00 and a big, beautiful Christmas tree glistening with colorful lights and decorations! How happy the children are during this most blessed season because you remember them with delicious food and all the trimmings for the spirit of the season!
7. A beach party complete with hamburgers, hot dogs, cake and ice cream served by donors and a tamale and mariachi party during the annual Tres Islas donors work week at the orphanages in April. The children love when donors come and spend time with them – and so do we! – so please come back next year because we need and want you to participate in the children's lives!

We could not be what we are without you; the children receiving nourishing food, good educations, a safe and comfortable environment in which to live; and because of your help, we as their caregivers are able to properly care for them at Orfanatorio Mazatlan, the place they proudly call "home."

Please be greatly assured, we thank you sincerely and we ask, please for your continued help.

In the name of our children, we pray to God to bless you all.

Sincerely,
Ma. Cristina B. de Herrera
Ma. Cristina Peña de Herrera
President of the Board

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