

CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

Spring Newsletter 2016

MEMO FROM MICKEY

The difficult year for the Sisters and the orphanage that I described in the fall newsletter continues. Recall that in response to international pressure the Guatemalan congress ruled that children in “institutions” should be returned to the homes of their families. Despite the fact that the government did not support these institutions, that the family might not want the child, and that the children generally did not want to leave the only home most of them had ever known, this became the law and the practice of the government. From January to June, 2015, our orphanage had 21 of its 105 children removed. One child was returned to us and one healthy child died two months after being taken. This has also been the experience of other orphanages with which we are in contact; four have been closed and the orphanage in Patzun has now being reduced from 80 to 35 children. Since June no further children have been removed from our orphanage but the Sisters have been given a list of 15-20 more of our children “eligible” for removal. This leaves the Sisters in a constant mood of dread and fear although they go about loving children with equanimity. The Sisters report there is a sense of fear among the older children who are aware of what has and is transpiring. They all need your prayers!

We have 81 children now in the orphanage who are healthy and happy. School has restarted with 60

children in our pre- and primary school, and 14 going out to post primary schools. The major quadrangle building has a new roof and first few rains have produced no leaks!

The work that Casa de Angeles is doing is only possible because of your continuing spiritual, psychological and financial support. The Board of Directors, on behalf of the children, continues to thank you for this generous support. You continue to change the future for these children.

WE'RE BACK

In an exclusive interview with Coach Elvira, this newsletter learned that the orphanage currently has three soccer teams (by age) and that the 8-9 year old team “looks as good as our girl’s team of a few years ago”. The coach has high hopes for national dominance once again and reported the team is off to a 2-0 start to their season!

FUN AND FUNDS

The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta has been set for Saturday, September 10th. As usual it will consist of a silent auction while enjoying wine and nibbles followed by dinner and a slide show highlighting the children of the orphanage. It will be hosted at Congregation Rodef Sholom in San Rafael. If you live in the Bay Area save that date!

The annual Corvallis fund raiser has been set for Saturday, October 22nd. It also will consist of a silent auction, raffles, dinner, and a slide show update. The theme will be “Education Into the Future”. If you live in that area save that date!

These are two opportunities to support the orphanage while having a FUN evening!

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