

CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

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MEMO FROM MICKEY

Our number is steady at 75 children in the orphanage. The reason this number is not changing is the government's maintaining the law that says all children should be removed from orphanages and placed with family members. The impracticality of the law considering there is often no family or that the child is in the orphanage because the family did not want to or could not raise him/her, has not mattered. But the orphanages are still not permitted to take in children except for a rare child with the Down syndrome. The government and judiciary are now aware that a "larger than expected" number of these "removed children" have died. This is causing some reconsideration and we can only hope that the congress will, at some point, realize what they have done and rescind the law.

Meanwhile, the work goes on and there are 75 happy and growing children who are receiving care and love. School has restarted with 80 children in our pre-, primary and middle school (including more than a dozen from the local town), and 9 going out to post primary schools. The "leader of the pack" (Francisco) is now in his 5th year at University (Major-Agronomics) and Ruth has joined him in her 2nd year at University (Major-Education). At the other extreme we have 11 children with developmental disabilities receiving both hydrotherapy and equine therapy sessions from professionals in these fields. We have recently converted the old "TV room" to an active computer classroom integrated into the school (foto).

We are embarking on a number of maintenance tasks including generator repair, car port roof repair, redoing Casita 3 as a play area for the hyperactive children .

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.

YOUR IRA AND CASA DE ANGELES

The last year provided an interesting twist on fund raising for the orphanage. Many of our donors have reached the magic age (70 ½) when it becomes necessary to take a mandatory (IRS dictated) annual dispersal from one's IRA account. This last year a number of our donors found it expedient to create a tax-free dispersal by having it sent directly to Casa de Angeles. We want to call this mechanism to your mind, if it has not occurred to you.

SAVE THE DATES

Get out your calendars! The annual Bay Area fund raiser fiesta has been set for Saturday, September 14th. 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 26th. It also will consist of a silent auction, raffles, dinner, and a slide show update. If you live in that area save that date!

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