

CASA DE ANGELES FOUNDATION

Spring Newsletter 2024

MEMO FROM MICKEY

We are clearly in the post-covid era. The FIP teams are now allowed by the Sisters to bring their medical mission team out to visit the orphanage. This is bringing joy on all sides.

Meanwhile, the work goes on, and we have dozens of happy and growing children "on campus" who are receiving daily care and love. We have taken in one new child, a deaf-mute, but the Sisters have had such a child before and know sign language. They are now teaching it to our new arrival.

Maintenance work continues and all the outside play areas have awnings so they can be used as outdoor class rooms in the nice weather. The last of the class rooms have had their walls tiled to the height of reaching little hands, which allows for an annual washing down rather than repainting.

Our major issue currently is medical. Daniella (picture on back) is receiving chemotherapy for an intra-abdominal cancer. When it is sufficiently shrunk, she will have surgery to remove the tumor. The chemotherapy is quite strong and Daniella, accompanied by Sister Elvira, is spending a lot of time in the hospital in Guatemala City. A second frightening medical emergency arose last week. The Sisters were playing with a group of children in the playground when two coral vipers (poisonous) appeared. One attacked Ricardo and bit him on the finger. He was

taken to the hospital in Antigua where they were told the only herpetologist in Guatemala was in the capital. They went by ambulance and the doctor had one last dose of antidote, having used the supply on other children that week. Ricardo got the antidote, recovered, and is now fine. But much angst for all!

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.

DONATIONS

A growing number of our donors have taken advantage of transferring some, or all, of their annual required IRA dispersals directly to the foundation. This avoids the payment of taxes on these dispersals. Some of these donations were made specifically for the orphanage endowment fund, which continues to grow. This will help ensure the long-term funding of the children.

JOHN LONG

We mourn the sudden passing of John Long, one of the original supporters of the orphanage and a long-time board member and treasurer of the foundation. John was an extraordinary human being who had a truly well lived life. Our hearts and thoughts are with his wife, April, their children, and grandchildren.

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