

# niños DE MEXICO

JUNE 2019

You are an integral part of helping to transform children's lives. Thank you for partnering with us to welcome children who need to know and feel the love of Christ every day.

## DID YOU KNOW... *We have a new doctor!*



We are excited to have Dr. Adriana Naranjo join our staff! She is responsible for the healthcare of all of our children and gives basic treatment to our staff.

She is also leading the mobile medical mission. We have been serving five villages in the mountains. Many of these villages do not have regular health care. At times, these clinics are staffed by short term mission groups. Other times, our staff and some of the older kids go to help staff the clinics.

Hundreds of people are hearing the gospel and receiving basic medical care through these clinics.

**It is wonderful that our young people also have the opportunity to be missionaries in the mountains of Mexico!**

## A THREE-DAY-OLD BABY IS LEFT TO DIE!

*Your generosity saves lives*

Discarded on a pile of trash in an empty lot just days before Christmas. How can this be possible? It made me angry when I first heard about it. Then I tried to reason it out. Perhaps it was like the story of baby Moses. His mother put her infant son into a basket of reeds as the best way to protect him. His sister Miriam was posted nearby to make sure he was found and taken care of. Surely this was the same? Perhaps his mama wrapped him in a warm blanket and asked his sister Maria to stay nearby to make sure that he was going to be okay. Sadly that was not the case.

Job Benjamin really was left to die. **Unwanted - discarded - rejected.** The good news is that the authorities found him and brought him to Niños de México on December 15, 2009. Since that time, he has grown into a wonderful boy who understands that Jesus loves him, wants him, protects him, and will always be there for him!

**"Benji" asked Jesus to be his personal Savior and was baptized on Easter! Best news ever!** How is this possible? It is possible because supporters like you share the resources that God has put into your care. Through your generosity, Benji is able to see the love of Jesus firsthand through the many people who have surrounded him in his young life. **Thank you!**

There are many more Benji's out there waiting to be rescued. Please continue to share your resources as we continue to bring in more kids that are **unwanted - discarded - rejected so that they may also have the opportunity to accept Jesus' love for each of them.**

See the article on the back of this newsletter about six new children recently welcomed into the Niños family.



## NEW GIRLS' HOME IN PUEBLA

*Enabling sibling groups to stay together*

We are excited to announce that we are establishing a new girls home near our Casa de Niños boys home in Puebla.

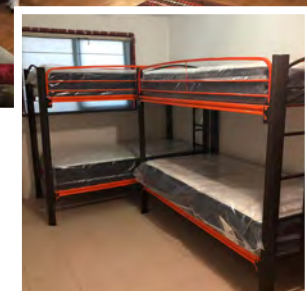
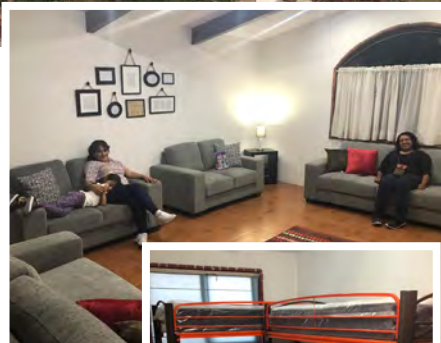
Since the merger with Casa de Niños in 2015, we have seen the need for a girls' home in the same city as the boys' home. The majority of children we receive come as a part of a sibling group. All of our homes are separated by gender, and lacking a home for girls, the sisters end up living in different cities. This distance is an obstacle to keeping a close family bond.

The distance that Casa is from the majority of our homes offers safety to kids who could be in danger by being in close proximity to the people that had hurt them. By placing these children in a home several hours away, they have the freedom to begin to heal, without the worry of being found.

We will be opening Casa de Niños/New Beginnings at the end of June. Besides allowing these brothers and sisters the opportunity to spend more time together, this new home will also allow us to welcome children from nearby cities where there are children in great need.



We recently asked you to help provide all of the furnishings for this new home. Your response has helped us to reach that goal! \$18,228 has been raised.



THANK YOU for joining us in blessing more children. Please lift up the boys and girls as they strengthen their relationships again. Pray for God to lead us to the boys and girls that need to be welcomed into the safe and nurturing Niños de Mexico family in Puebla.

Steve  
Executive Director



The seventh annual trivia night raised over \$4,000 in the St. Louis area. This event provides much needed funds and is a great way to share the ministry of Niños de México with family and friends (future supporters!). **You don't have to know a lot of trivia; you just have to be ready to have a lot of fun!**

October 19 is the date for the 21st annual golf tournament in Ormond Beach, Florida! If you are

in the area, be sure to join us for this awesome event. It includes a wonderful lunch and lots of great prizes. Through the years, this tournament has accomplished amazing things for the ministry of Niños de México!

If you are interested in helping Niños by having events like these in your area, please call Mick O'Hanahan at (417) 499-3983.

# BEST NEWS EVER!

*Celebrate with us as we rejoice at all the recent baptisms!*

On Easter Sunday morning, nine young people were baptized at Valley of Hope Christian Church. This included four of our own kids: Luna, Benjamin, José, and Daniel Isaak, along with five others from the congregation.

The day before Easter, two women were baptized in a stream of the Puebla mountains by Pastor Jorge.

**You are making a difference in the lives of the children of Niños de Mexico as well as in the churches supported by Niños de Mexico!**

Victor Molina came to Niños in February 2013 with his brother, Ramon. Five of his other siblings had joined the family in August of 2012. He was five years old when he arrived.

On February 24th, Victor was baptized into Christ at the local church where the Genesis family is attending. It was an exciting day as nine other people from the church accepted Christ and gave their lives to Him.

At the same time several hundred miles away in the mountains of Puebla, at the base of a waterfall, another young man was buried with Christ in baptism.

On Saturday March 2nd Cruz and Laura Molina gave their lives to Christ and were buried with Him in baptism.

There is nothing sweeter than enjoying the fruit of the labor that is Niños de México. What a blessing to see each of these young people decide to follow Jesus!!

**Pray with us that many more will follow Jesus and live their lives completely for Him!**



**Easter Sunday baptisms included Luna, Benjamin, Jose, and Daniel Isaak**



**Victor Molina**



**Puebla baptism**



**Cruz and Laura Molina**



**Puebla baptisms**

# THE KIDS ARE INVOLVED IN LOTS OF ACTIVITIES!

Many of our children are involved in extracurricular activities that help them grow physically as well as mentally.



## English Spelling Bee Winners

When we opened the Emanuel house in 2014, the children were given scholarships to attend a bilingual school. The kids have done great! Three boys from the house scored at the top of their classes in a recent English Spelling Bee.

*L-R - Gabriel, 6th grade; Benjamin, 4th grade; and Pedro, 5th Grade.*



## Brandon - playing American football!

Thanks to some friends, Brandon from the Emanuel house was given the opportunity to participate on an American Football team. Last week, their team won and Brandon made two touchdowns.



## Melissa & Marina - playing American football!

We are excited that Melissa and Marina from the Jireh home are playing football. The pastor and his wife from the church where they attend made it possible for them to participate. They are enjoying the exercise and being a part of a team!



## Kenia and Andrea - Nominated to play soccer on a national team

Two of the girls from the Bethel house, Kenia (L) and Andrea (R), have been playing soccer for some time now and are passionate about the game. They played in a regional tournament the first week of April.

They have done **very** well and were recently nominated to a national team representing Mexico at their age level.

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

In Memory of:	by:
Wayne Dunn	Jim & Pat Cleeton Joy Chartrau
Joseph Krypciak's mother	John & Jannette Allen
Alberta Henson	John & Jannette Allen Kay Schink & Family
JD Sinclair	John & Jannette Allen
Carmen Medlin	Kay Schink & Family
Don Bader	Merlyn Beeman Cathy Thompson Dr. Kent & Evelyn Hill Ron & Jane Cowan Mark & Kathy Matthews Billy & Betty Meyer
Katherine Chapman	Joy Chartrau
Joy Coe	Dick Coe

In Honor of:	by:
Elliott French	Bruce French
Mick O'Hanahan	Meadowbrook Christian Church

## DON BADER PASSES AWAY APRIL 27, 2019

There are people who make an incredible mark on the lives of the people with whom they come in contact. Don & Vi Bader were those kind of people! They made a difference in the lives of the children of Niños de Mexico and with so many people who they met in their travels all across the U.S. Because of their dedication to the children, many of those people decided to support the children of Niños.

Don Bader passed away April 26, 2019, and our hearts go out to his family. Don will be remembered for his diligent work in leading the ministry and for raising the necessary funds to care for hundreds of children who were living without hope, direction, or any kind of future before coming to Niños de Mexico. His passion for caring for the children came across in every VBS program or church presentation that he created.

Don and his wife worked with the ministry of Niños de México for 17 years, starting in 1972. The ministry was relatively young at that time and they worked as Associate Directors, diligently raising funds that allowed the ministry to continue to expand. Don became the Executive Director in 1978 and served in this capacity until 1987. He continued with the ministry as the Development Director until 1989. We are so thankful for his service to the ministry and the many kids who were blessed during his time in leadership.



## PRAISES & PRAYER REQUESTS

### Praises

- We are presently serving 95 children and young people
- Recent baptisms in church plants and among Niños kids.
- Great medical/evangelistic outreaches in the villages with Compass Christian Church and First Christian Church of Washington - Hundreds of people were ministered to at these clinics.
- Aldo - His tumors have shrunk so they will be removing his trach soon. The doctors recently removed his feeding tube.
- New kids are adapting well.
- Great groups so far this year... praying for groups yet to come in 2019.
- Our faithful donors.
- Stolen van insurance payout approved.

### Prayer Requests

- Continued adaptation of new children into homes.
- Expansion Church's upcoming relocation and possible donation of property (Texcoco church plant)
- Opening of new girls' home and the girls who will fill it!
- Antonio from Genesis - testing by specialists to determine reasons for his lack of growth.



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## NEW CHILDREN WELCOMED

### *Six children rescued*

In late February we were approached about **welcoming** a family of four children into our homes. They range in age from two to twelve.

The children were badly abused and rescued by DIF. The kids were removed from where they were living and investigations are ongoing.

The children are adapting well to their new families and their new schools. Daniel was recently baptized into Christ.

In mid-May, we **welcomed** two more kids from the Mexico City area. They both come to us with broken bones from abuse that they suffered. Jesus is five years old and Katheryne is 1-½ years old.

Please keep these kids in your prayers as they continue to heal from the trauma they experienced.

