



## BUILDING BLOCKS OF SUCCESS

Currently we are blessed to care for 30 children, 21 older children and 9 infants. Due to a generous grant from the Florence Martin Foundation we are constructing 4 reading nooks and filling them with Spanish language books to help the children on their road to literacy. The books and comfortable seating will provide quiet comfortable places to read for pleasure. Providing the children with intellectual and social stimulation is a key part of their development and staff at Casa Hogar La Gloria are excited about this new addition. On a recent trip a visit to the nursery became a book club of a whole different kind. Each of the toddlers picked a book and a high school volunteer and spent as much time as they could learning new words and teaching Spanish to the high school volunteers.

Another addition to the infrastructure are new washers and dryers from the Coronado/ Point Loma Rotary Club. You can imagine how much laundry 30 children make and add a little rain and dirt and the task is formidable. The new washers and dryers will free up the staff for quality time with the children.

## DEDICATED TO OUR MISSION

Our mission to provide a home for the orphaned, abused, neglected and abandoned children of Tijuana is not an easy one. We are constantly reminded of the conditions of the poor in Tijuana and of the situations that our children have survived. We are so grateful to have so many benefactors who do their part to help us allow these children to feel safe, protected and loved. While the staff are focused on making sure that our children are growing and thriving our supporters are fundraising and sending donations to help our efforts. We are truly blessed.

## REFLECTIONS ON SERVICE VISITS

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Pope Francis, in his papal bull beginning the Year of Mercy, said “mercy is the very foundation of the church’s life.”

The ways all of the church’s members are called to live this mercy out are varied and diverse due to circumstances, locations, and personal ability. One thing, however, is available to everyone part of the Saints family is participation at Hogar Infantil. Never in my life have I taken part in something so meaningful.

Here we have a collection of children, who Jesus calls the greatest in his sight (Lk 18:16) in need of financial support, clothing, and more than anything affection. During this Year of Mercy I reflect upon the grace I have received from them as a result of my time with the children of Hogar Infantil. St. Francis said “it is in giving that we receive.”



## CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

The winter this year is bringing plenty of needed rain and Casa Hogar is ready for it. In the fall efforts were made to identify and plan to prepare for “El Nino.” The staff arranged for two large trees by the entrance to be removed and for additional supports to be added to the foundations under the nursery area. Emergency exits have been improved and drainage has been reviewed and cleaned up. The fall clean up also included a bit of bartering with other orphanages near by. The staff realized that we had a surplus of clothing for older children and rather than have it sit in storage they traded and donated the items.

Nowhere has it been truer for me than in my monthly visits to Hogar. A game of soccer or a shared meal are such simple things, but it is the wonderful simple things that form lasting impressions and positive effects on the lives of children.

Since coming to Saints, all of my friends who have made Hogar a frequent part of their lives agree that it is one of the most rewarding experiences available to the students. The grace which we experience on our visits and the joy and sustenance the children receive with our arrival are things both of us desperately need. I urge all those looking to live to the fullest this Year of Mercy to open your hearts and minds to becoming part of the Hogar Infantil family. You are welcome.



## MISSION

Our Mission is to give each child in our care a secure home and loving family in which to develop and grow. Hogar Infantil, Inc. is committed to providing for children in need and does so by providing support to the children's home, Hogar Infantil La Gloria.

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# CHRISTMAS FUN AT CASA HOGAR



Christmas is a special time for all of God's children. Each Christmas our hearts swell with the donations of time and money from our benefactors. Visitors to Casa Hogar this Christmas season were impressed by the staff and the children's excitement for the season. There were small Christmas parties, visits from Santa, Christmas craft activities and plenty of hugs for our toddlers and babies. We are truly blessed by those who keep Hogar Infantil La Gloria in their Christmas giving plans.

