



Fall News 06

# Door of Faith Orphanage

“Changing the world one kid at a time”

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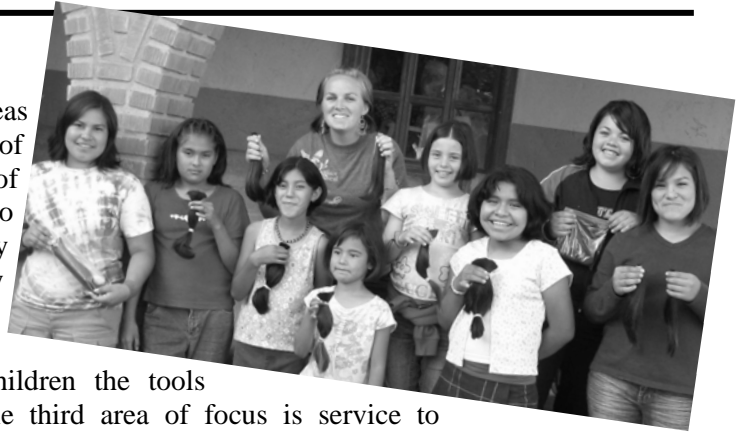
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## Giving Back

We have three areas of focus here at Door of Faith. The first area of focus is family, we seek to provide a stable family environment for the many children in our care. The second area of focus is education, giving the children the tools they will need in life. The third area of focus is service to others. We feel giving back to those around us is part of being a healthy family.



As with any family, we try to give our kids good council both through our words and actions. We hope they learn from our examples and grow into young adults in which we can all be proud. Recently we had one of those days where some of the children showed how they've been learning. They decided to bless others as they have been blessed.

It doesn't matter how poor you are financially, when you want you can always find a way to serve others. Recently, eight of our girls and one of our staff found a very creative and powerful way to help others. Our girls decided to help an organization called Locks of Love. This organization (that we're not affiliated with) takes donations of human hair and makes wigs for children with cancer.

Each of our girls stood in line to have ten inches of hair cut off so they could give it to someone else who they felt might need it. We were deeply touched by their example of giving and thought others would like to hear of this as well.

The hair donation is just one of the many ways Door of Faith and our **120 kids** are giving back. We can't help financially from here but we try to serve when and where we can. A few examples where we help out:

- \*Sending groups to Tijuana (about one hour from us) to partner with another ministry that serves hot breakfast for the children living in the town dump.
- \*When possible, sending teams to other orphanages in our area.
- \*Coordinating home construction for poor families in our area through the efforts of teams from churches in the US.
- \*Providing labor to help build, expand, and improve the local schools in our town.

These are just a few examples of the way Door of Faith is working to change our community along with changing the lives of the children here.

We want to thank all of those who make this great ministry possible. Today Door of Faith is one of the largest orphanages in Baja. We continue to expand and improve upon the care we give the many children entrusted to us. We know that none of this would happen without people like you partnering with us to provide for our large family. **Thank you for making all of this possible.**



Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.  
Philippians 4:6



## Our Feature Child: Salomon Mendez Pereira

**Birthday:** April 30, 1992

**Date of Arrival:** March 11, 2004

Salomon is here with one younger sister Gotita, and two younger brothers Jesus, and Miguel. They were brought to us by DIF, which is Mexico's version of Social Services. Their family was no longer able to care for them and they were placed into our care.

Salomon is in the 3rd grade this year. He never had the chance to attend school before he came to our home. Many families in Mexico just can't afford the basics to keep their children in school. Solomon is learning quickly and will eventually be

skipping some grades to get him into classes with kids closer to his own age.

He lives in the older boys' dorm with 10 other boys. The dorm is set up with three individual bedrooms, one of which he shares with two other boys. The boys have a married couple that lives in the dorm with them to help keep an eye on them and give them the attention and guidance they need.

Salomon has a great personality and can usually be found with a smile on his face. In his free time he enjoys riding bikes, skateboards, and playing games on the computer. He also is pretty talented with gymnastics. He likes to show off by walking on his hands and doing cartwheels.

We are very happy to have Salomon as part of our large family. It's been great to see him fit in so well and grow so quickly.

We want to thank all of those who make it possible for Door of Faith to provide a safe home for boys and girls like Salomon. We would love to have you come by and meet Salomon, his siblings, and all of the children touched by the work here.

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### A few ways to get involved with Door of Faith Orphanage:

**Prayer:** Door of Faith was built on prayer and the ongoing prayers of everyone involved keeps us open.

**Donations of supplies:** On the back of this newsletter is a list of ongoing needs. We need a lot of supplies to care for our very large family here. Bringing supplies down is great, or you can send supplies or support to our PO Box in Chula Vista.

**Financial Support:** We can always use additional funds to cover expenses that we incur in caring for this many children, (utilities, medicine, school transportation, etc.). Both one time donations and monthly pledges are greatly appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

**Transportation:** We're always in need of vehicles here. If you have a car, truck, or van that runs, we can use it. Just let us know and we (in almost all cases) can come to you to pick it up and handle the paperwork. Our gasoline expenses have also increased dramatically as they have in the US, donations to keep gas in the school bus are greatly appreciated!!!

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## Back to School...

We want to thank everyone who helped with our annual back to school drive. This year's efforts went great and all of the kids had new uniforms, backpacks, and supplies for the first day of school.

As you're probably aware, the education of our children is a main focus for us. Along with tutoring the children on site here, they are enrolled in the local schools which are very good. **We currently have ninety-nine of our kids in eight different schools, kindergarten through university (twenty just in Kindergarten!)** It's always a real challenge getting all of the kids ready for the first day and then coordinating transportation five days a week for the rest of the year.

Along with getting our kids here ready for school, we have a standing policy of helping the community in this area also. This year we were able to help get about twenty other kids in our town set up with the uniforms and supplies they needed for school. The kids in our care are our first priority, but we strongly believe any family needs to learn how to give back. It's very important for us that we serve not only the very large family that is at Door of Faith, but the community families also.



### Prayer Requests:

1. For the vision and energy of our staff.
2. For on-going medical needs of our children
3. For our local church that we attend with our children.
4. That God would continue to provide for the home.



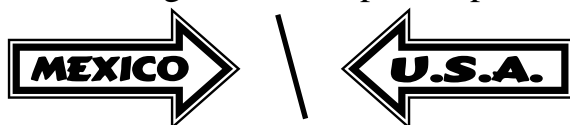
## Immigration and Border Issues...

With all of the immigration and security issues in the news lately we've been getting a few calls and e-mails about travel to Mexico. We thought we'd answer a few of the questions we've been getting:

As of **Jan 2008 you will need a passport** to get back into the United States from Mexico **when traveling by car or bus**, until then nothing has changed for most of our visitors. For travel by plane or boat the date of the change is Jan 2007. Just have some form of photo ID (drivers license, student ID card, etc) and you should be fine until 2008.

For the latest information please visit:

[www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc\\_2223](http://www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223)

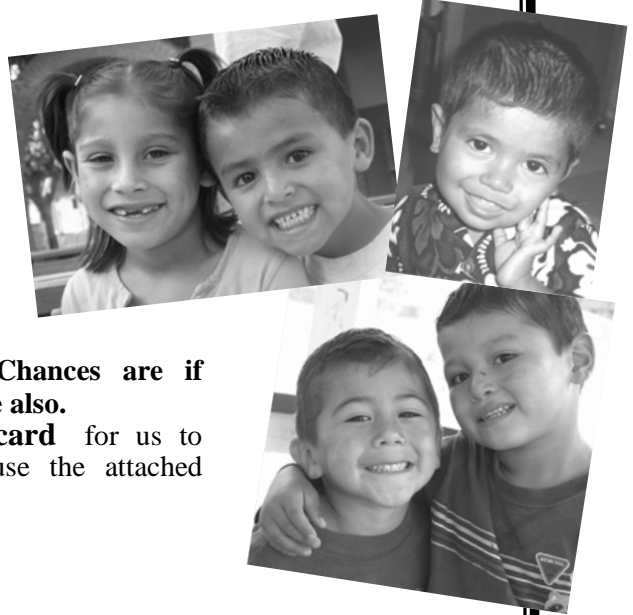


## Ongoing needs at Door of Faith:

Daily, we get together as a family and pray. One prayer that the children always pray is that God would bless "los Americanos" that provide for the home here. If you'd like to take part in helping to provide for the children here we have a list of our most needed items below.

Thank you in advance for anything you might be able to do or give.

**Canned goods: fruit, tuna, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, etc.**  
**Diapers (size #4 , #5, & #6)**  
**Baby wipes**  
**Bleach**  
**Toilet Paper**  
**Pine cleaner**  
**Shampoo**  
**Laundry Detergent**



We need the things any large family needs. **Chances are if you're buying it for your home, we need it here also.**

If you'd rather send a check or **Costco card** for us to purchase items that are most needed, please use the attached envelope, and send it to our US PO Box.

# Thanks!!!



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## All the news from Door of Faith!!