



Summer News 06

Door of Faith Orphanage

“Changing the world one kid at a time”

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Always Room for a Few More??

Right now we have more children than just about any time in the history of Door of Faith. As of the printing of this newsletter there are 116 children in our care, 22 children under 2 years old – Yikes!

For a variety of reasons; political, economic, etc. there are a lot of kids in need right now. In the last few months we've been exploring other orphanages and really looking at how other homes function, and don't function. After getting a better feel for the current needs in Northern Baja, we decided to try to stretch a little in our overall numbers.

For quite some time we've cared for around one hundred children because we felt that was the most we could care for and do a good job. We've been training our staff and improving our systems (and looking for additional help) and we decided it was time to up our count a bit.

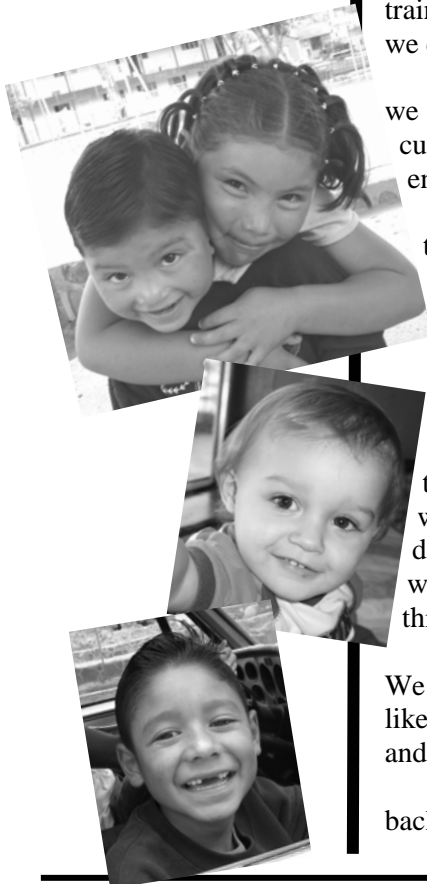
The decision to increase the number of children is not an easy one, we know that we have limited resources and staff and we don't want the children currently in our care to suffer. We know we can't save every child we encounter but we want to do the best we can with the resources we have.

Most of the new kids are coming from the Tijuana area and include babies that have been abandoned, children in abusive situations, or groups of siblings that are brought to us due to neglect. Every child's story is different, none of them good.

We're incredibly proud of the way all of the kids here have been pitching in to help welcome and care for the new children. The older kids who have been raised at Door of Faith have been exceptionally helpful. It's great to see how they've caught the vision to serve others that we try to instill in them. Our older kids are helping in dorms, helping watch the playground, and spending time with the new kids helping them to settle in. For many of the new kids this is the first safe place they've ever lived and it takes some getting used to.

We want to thank everyone who helps make Door of Faith what it is. We wouldn't be here to provide for the many children in our care without people like you. Because of you these children have a loving home, an education, and a future.

If you'd like to see the best way to help us in our efforts please see the back page of this newsletter, Thanks!



“The service we render others is the rent we pay for our room on earth.”
Wilfred Grenfell



Our Feature Child:

Raquel Delgadillo Caperon

Birthday: June 2, 1991

Date of Arrival: September 18, 1995

With each newsletter we feature one of our children. Raquel has been an important part of our family for many years now and we're pleased to share with you how she's grown.

Raquel is here with her two older sisters, 16-year-old Johana and 19-year-old Diana. The whole family has been here since Raquel was only four years old.

We're getting ready to celebrate Raquel's 15th birthday which is a very big deal in Mexico. This signifies the passage from childhood to adulthood. We'll be having a large party for her including a

service at our church and then a reception here around the gazebo in the orphanage. She's really looking forward to her party and busy planning all the details for the big day.

Raquel's finishing up the 8th grade this year here in our town of La Mision. She's a great student and is still considering all of her many possibilities for the future.

Raquel shares a room with one of her sisters in one of the girls dorms. One bedroom in the dorm is for the "dorm mom" who makes sure that the girls in the dorm do their chores, homework, and get all the attention they need.

In her free time Raquel enjoys reading, listening to music, horseback riding, and hanging out with her friends. She is also learning how to play the bass guitar. Easter Sunday last year she played the bass in a worship band made up of several of our kids. Raquel has a great personality and also enjoys helping out with some of our toddlers. She remembers what it was like when she got here and is great with helping the new kids feel at home.

If you get a chance come down and say "hi" to Raquel, we're sure she'd love to meet you and show you around her home here at Door of Faith.

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:

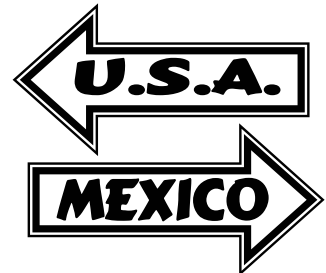
As of **Jan 2008** you will need a passport to get back into the United States from Mexico, until then nothing has changed. Just have some form of photo ID (drivers license, student ID card, etc) and you should be fine.

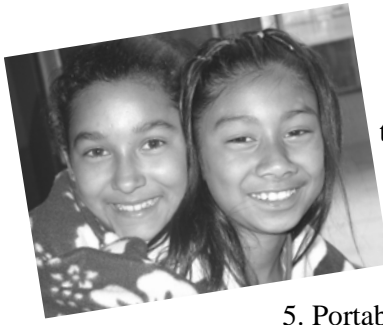


For the latest information please visit:

www.travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2223

As for immigration issues, it's really just an issue going on in the US, there are no problems at all for American's visiting Mexico. At the main border crossing south of San Diego, over 50,000 cars a day pass through with no problem – we'd love to have you in one of them!





Some different kinds of needs:

We always need something around here. If you have any of these items you might be able to spare, we could use them...

1. Flat bed trailer (for broken down cars, yard work hauling, etc.)
2. Industrial drain snake (lot's of clogged drains around here)
3. Garden tools (rakes, shovels, hoses, wheel barrels, etc.)
4. Industrial stove (for the groups in the camp ground area)
5. Portable sound system (for events here and when we have events in town.)

The Cross Finally Lights Up!

Spring break of 2005 we had a great group come down and help us by (among other things) rebuilding the large cross over our home. The old cross was old and kind of small, the new cross is huge and really well built.

This spring break (2006) we finally got the last stage of our "cross remodel" done. We now have a flood light at the base that lights the cross at night. It can now be seen from all over the orphanage, our canyon, and by anyone driving through our area.

This might not seem like a project that's as important as dorms, or beds, or the other very important work that goes on, but it means a lot to us. Since it's founding in the early 60s, God has had His protective, guiding hand over Door of Faith. We continue to see how God uses many people to provide for the needs of the children here. It means a lot to us that we have this visible symbol and reminder of God's grace over Door of Faith.

The next time you're down (or driving through our area) take a moment to see this small thank you to our Lord. Better yet: stop by, hike up the hill, and spend a few moments at the cross thanking God for the many blessings that He gives.



A Week in the Life of Door of Faith:

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| 2850 meals | 70 gallons of milk |
| 980 showers | 45 haircuts |
| 567 diapers | 37 "time outs" |
| 480 loads of laundry | 15 gallons of bleach |
| 175 rolls of toilet paper | 4 trips to the doctor |
| 109 Band-Aids | 2 birthday cakes |
| 98 trips to school | Countless hugs!! |



Brian is OK...

We recently had a little medical scare. Brian, one of our 8 year old boys, had a fever and stomach pain that just didn't seem right. We made the decision to send him to the doctor and Brian was in surgery three hours later for an emergency appendectomy.

He's home now, doing great, and enjoying showing off his stitches. Please continue to keep him in your prayers and pray that we know what to do in any of the many medical emergencies we run into with the large family here.



I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:5

Prayer Requests:

1. That visitors this summer would be blessed for their efforts.
2. For on-going medical needs of our children
3. For our local church that we attend with our children.

Stuff we could use at Door of Faith:

Although our needs change from day to day, listed below are items that we need on an ongoing basis (anything that any large family needs).

Canned goods: fruit, meat, tomato sauce, , etc.	Mops
Diapers (size #4 , #5, & #6)	Bleach
Baby wipes	Pine cleaner
Drink mixes	Shampoo
Brooms	Toilet paper
	Laundry Detergent

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

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



Gracias!!



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