

Class of 2011 - 2027



Top L-R: Ricardo, Alicia, Jaime, America, Leonardo, Jesús "Chuy", Leticia, Pablo, Agustin, Christopher,
 Middle L-R: Dulce, Marcelina, Ivan, Jorge, Esthela, Victor, Silvia, Jaquelin, Claudia, Yulie, Miriam, Raúl, Josuecito, Carlos
 Bottom L-R: Joaquin, Leticia Vanessa, Kevin, Arlet, Fabiola, Nirvana, Jesus Armando, Norberto, Kevin Adrian

One of our top priorities is that our children receive a good education. This will help to give them a future out of poverty. We provide tutoring to get the kids to grade level, and pay to send them to high school. When teens want to go on to college or technical school, we and sponsors pay for the tuition.

Grading in Mexico uses a decimal system, from 0 to 10. 10 is excellent, 9 very good, 8 good and 7 average. You can see below the marks for our children. They have

worked hard, and we are proud of them!

From Leonardo who just graduated to little Nirvana who won't start school for a few years, paying for uniforms and education is expensive. Will you help us? Page 4 lists several ways you can give to help educate our kids. ¡Gracias!

Elementary

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| Josuecito | 8.9 | Sergio | 8.5 |
| Claudia | 8.1 | Carlos | 8.8 |
| Esthela | 8.7 | | |
| Raúl | 8.9 | Junior High | |
| Silvia | 8.5 | Alicia | 8.7 |
| Joaquin | 8.8 | Clara | 9.4 |
| Miriam | 8.3 | Pablo | 8.6 |
| Ivan | 8.0 | Marcelina | 9.1 |
| Jaquelin | 7.8 | Damián | 8.2 |
| Victor | 8.4 | | |
| Jorge | 8.0 | High School | |
| Christopher | 8.5 | Jesús "Chuy" | 9.0 |
| Lupita | 8.2 | Jaime | 9.5 |
| Adanesne | 8.9 | Agustin | 8.8 |
| Anahi | 9.6 | Leticia | 8.8 |
| Yulie | 8.6 | America | 7.6 |

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Fun-loving Leticia



Leticia Marcelino Sanchez

Many people know Leti's story of when she came to the orphanage. She was an infant, the youngest of four siblings who came together. She was so ill when she arrived, we feared she might not survive. But few know her dreams and her overall character. If you get to know Leti better, you will see that she can be silly about anything, and that God has given her many talents.

Leti wants to study psychology or law; she is still deciding and has one more year of high school. She has a beautiful voice, loves to sing and would like to do so professionally one day. Leti also likes to draw and design. She would like to have a laptop to practice her designs, and the materials to help her draw better.

We look forward to seeing how Leti will grow and use her God-given talents.

Hard-working Jaime



Jaime Martinez Ramirez

Jaime came to the orphanage with his siblings Marcelina and Carlos. As the oldest, he worries about his sister and brother, and makes sure they are taken care of. Jaime helps them with their studies and teaches them to behave. He is a wonderful example of a loving older brother.

This year, Jaime will be a senior in high school; he has one more year before he enters the university. He likes math and has expressed a desire to study mathematics.

Jaime is a hard worker and always helps around the orphanage. It is not necessary to tell him what needs to be done; he just does it on his own.

Jaime promises to be a great man and human being. All he needs is the help necessary to achieve this.

'Like' us on Facebook

Check out our new official Facebook page - just look up El Sauzal Orphanage. Once you 'like' us you'll get updates thru newsfeeds, can find photos, and see your other friends who like the orphanage, including some of our staff and teens.

We hope you become a part of our Facebook community!



Jesus was serious about helping children

Charles Keortge, a retired Spanish high school teacher, has been involved with the orphanage for over 25 years and a member of the El Sauzal Foundation since it was formed in 2004. At the end of this year, he'll be stepping down from the board. Here he shares his reflections from serving the orphanage.

Years have helped me to understand that I can never guess where a new acquaintance or experience will lead me.

In the 1940's some high school-aged girls stopped by our house and invited my sister and I to Sunday School. That changed my life! In the 1960's several older men and women spoke truth into my life and encouraged me. They smoothed out the road. In the 1980's my wife and daughter introduced me to a Mexican family who loved children.

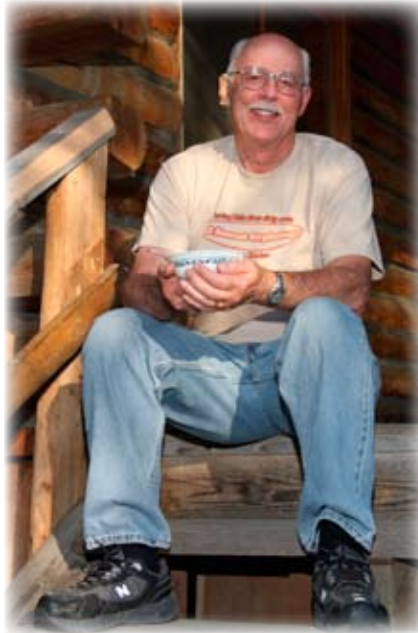
For the more than 25 years since, I have been involved with the Espinozas and the orphanage, and have continued to meet people who share the conviction that Jesus was serious when He spoke about ministering to the children and the needy.

If I had been warned about the crying

In 2004, I was invited to join with other like-minded men and women to be a founding member of the El Sauzal Foundation. Our goal is to seek to raise funds and be of encouragement to this orphanage in Baja, Mexico.

Being a part of a group of servants from multiple backgrounds is an interesting experience. With members from a half-dozen different Christian expressions, spread across different states and languages, it is likely, even probable, that some discord could break out.

We smile at each other's jokes and patiently toler-



ate each other's faults. We continue to learn how we can cooperate or serve better. If someone would have warned me that in our meetings, the men and women would be crying, I probably would not have signed up. But we did and do. We have learned to depend on each other. And what a joy it has been to be among those who love Jesus so much.

They call us a Board. Really we are brothers and sisters in an eternal family. We have learned not to be discouraged when we face one more trouble since we recognize God's hand at work. We never apologize for taking comfort in His faithfulness. Through the newsletter and web site, we have seen unknown names on the bottom of checks. We say over and over, "God has answered our prayers."

Some wise person said that those who love God should attempt something that would surely fail if God did not change things. I believe that this has happened and is still happening at El Sauzal.

God uses the humble and small

The number of lives, young and old, changed by a visit to a humble place called El Sauzal will not be known to us while on earth. But I believe that God's eternal economy will be able to demonstrate that He has used the small and foolish things of this world to confound the mighty and powerful.

It is my prayer that through the prayer-filled lives of a humble Mexican couple that Mexico and the United States, that heaven and earth, that individuals, homes and families would continue to be blessed and to be a blessing.

Educating a whole orphanage

You can help by choosing one of the items below and sending in a donation to help us purchase the pieces of the children's mandatory uniforms.

Thank you for your help getting our kids back to school this year.

"A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed." -Proverbs 11:25



Boy's/Girl's Long Sleeve Shirt/Sweater
\$25



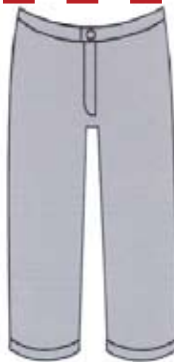
Boy's/Girl's Short Sleeve Shirt
\$10



Girl's Jumper
\$20



Boy's/Girl's Pants
\$35



Sweatpants or Skirt
\$15



Help with another item,
Your choice
\$ _____



Boy's/Girl's Socks
\$5



Boy's/Girl's Shoes
\$40



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