

Ripped from Mexican headlines

Roaming the streets alone

A recent online article shares the story of two little children who desperately need help and love.

Two little siblings rescued

Article posted September 26, 2013

by Damian Fuentes

Two children, a four-year-old and two-year-old, were found wandering the street Wednesday afternoon in the town of Francisco Zarco [a small town near Guadalupe, in the hills above Ensenada].

Official information indicates that at 14:20 it was reported that there were two very young children walking at Main Street and 6th Street without adult supervision.

Municipal police moved the children to the police station in hopes that someone would report their disappearance; however, after several hours no one claimed them. DIF was made aware of this, and the children were moved to a temporary shelter for protection and care.

(Article at <http://ensenada.net/noticias/nota.php?id=31270>)



These two were brought to us after being found wandering the streets

From the street to our home

These rescued children were brought directly to our orphanage. We are not sure how long they will be with us — days, weeks, months, or longer. But while they are here, we will love, nurture, protect, and pray for them. We will show them God's unconditional love.

Your powerful response

In July I shared with you the orphanage's urgent financial need. Your response was powerful. We received emails, phone calls, and notes from you sharing how you wanted to help. Some of you donated your services, while others brought cash and food directly to the orphanage. It was a strong encouragement.

Your generosity helped cut our debt in half. Our financial burden is not gone, but we are relieved that it is smaller. (Our current debt is around \$8,000.) We pray that the debt will be eliminated as God continues to provide for us through your help and support.

The least of these

In Matthew 25:40, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." These two young children are who Jesus was talking about — the "least of these." When you help them, Jesus said you are doing it for Him.

Will you keep helping us as we continue to care for these two rescued children and so many like them? Muchas gracias for your concern and support.

by Patty Meadows

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The point of this place

by 18-year-old Kasey

Kasey Baker, an eighteen-year-old from Ashland, Oregon, volunteered with us this summer for two months. During her stay, she kept an online blog/diary of her time. This entry was from a bittersweet day.



*Toddler Melissa,
photograph by Kasey Baker*

It broke my heart

Thursday, July 25 (Day 29)

Today I experienced the reality of the child protective system, known as DIF in Mexico. This little girl pictured [photo above] is named Melissa, and today she was picked up from the orphanage by DIF. I asked Josue if she was going back to her parents, as the orphanage is not only for orphans, but also for children from troubled homes, and he said that he did not know. It broke my heart to see how DIF could show up and so quickly, within minutes, a child is gone from the love and care provided here at El Sauzal, and they have no idea what the future holds for that child.

With every ounce of my love

Then again, I guess that's the point of this place, to share God's love so abundantly while the children are here. After this occurred today, I told myself that I would love on these kids here with every ounce of my love to try and show them a fraction of the love that their Father in heaven has for them. I spent the rest of the day cuddling, hugging, and just listening to the babbling of the kids here.

I hope I never forget

Today is a day in which I learned something that I hope I never forget, and it goes along with the verse 1 John 4:19, which states, "We love because He first loved us." I want my life to be a constant outflow of God's love to those around me, because I will never know all the problems that they are dealing with in their life, but He knows.

~ Written by Kasey Baker

You can read more of Kasey's adventures at www.memorablemomentsbygod.blogspot.com



Kasey with one of her orphanage buddies, another Melissa

When I needed you most

Finding family on Facebook

Orphanage director Josue recently reconnected with a family of five siblings who lived at the orphanage over thirty years ago. Raul, Pedro, Charito, Blanca, and Juana spent many years at El Sauzal before they left around 1982.

At that time Josue's parents, Ramon and Magdalena, were raising the children. All of the orphanage kids called them Papa and Mama. Josue lived at the orphanage also and was raised alongside them as an older brother.



Pedro shared that it was emotional to reconnect with his former family. Now he is a grandfather. "I give thanks to God for the education you gave us. We are grateful for your teaching us the good ways. I saw the photos [old pictures Josue shared on Facebook], and I cried with joy to see you."

Josue taught Pedro's brother Raul to play guitar. Now Raul also plays the bass and keyboard. Raul said that their lives started when they arrived at the orphanage.

The youngest sister Charito also communicated with Josue. She said, "You were my family when I needed you most. Thank my Papa Ramon and my Mama Magdalena for giving us a roof to live under. I will always be grateful to you and to my God."

Director Josue told them, "I know you are always in [my parents'] prayers, and they cry when they remember you."

Dressing a princess



Each of our children is precious, a child of God. Sweet Silvia has a leg problem, with one leg several inches shorter than the other.

For Silvia's elementary graduation last summer, Mama Lilia made her a special dress, adjusting the straps carefully to fit princess Silvia perfectly.

Get your “El Sauzal Children” 2014 calendar

Why buy a calendar?

- Beautiful full-color photos of our kids.
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Got questions? Email Danielle Bergman at dani.bergman@elsauzal.org.

Calendars will be mailed in late November/early December.



Be a part of #GivingTuesday

“#GivingTuesday is a movement to create a national day of giving to kick off the giving season added to the calendar on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday and Cyber Monday. The second annual GivingTuesday is on December 3, 2013.”
(from the #GivingTuesday website)

Last year, we shared a need for #GivingTuesday, and you responded generously.

This year we will again share a need for #GivingTuesday. If you want to know more about it, send us your email address, or “like” the El Sauzal Orphanage Facebook page.



Bestowing a living trust

Muchas gracias to our long-time amigos Robert and Jean Turner of California. For years they have visited and supported us. Robert passed away earlier this year, and the Turners have included El Sauzal in their living trust. We are grateful for their generosity!

