

Alleluia! You pulled us out of debt

In May we shared with you about our substantial debt of \$10,000. Your response was generous and extremely encouraging. The special gifts we received were more than double the amount of the debt. ¡Alleluia!



Three of our high school graduates, Leti, Jaime, & Agustin. Each one has college aspirations.

Our next hurdle is here already

We are gearing up again for a new school year. It starts in mid-August, so now is the time for us to purchase school supplies for our kindergarten, elementary, middle school, high school and college students. Besides the required items, such as pencils, crayons, paper, and calculators, there are mandatory uniforms.

We work hard to stretch our pesos. We reuse any items we can, such as passable uniforms and backpacks from previous years. Some uniform items can be sewn and don't have to be purchased. Director Josue's wife Lilia is a seamstress and works hard to make what she can. We also gratefully use the school supplies that groups donate. However, our schools are specific as to which items



Our youngest "graduating class," the kindergarten graduates

to use, and we are receiving fewer supplies now because of stricter Mexican import laws.

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, we have four students hoping to begin college this fall. You can read more about them and their educational goals at elsauzal.org/posthighschool. A fifth student, Abel, will be a sophomore.

Each year we struggle in August to scrape together the necessary supplies and uniforms; it is also a challenge to come up with the monthly college expenses. Last year, we spent \$700 on uniforms. University costs are \$500 per month per student. We dream of a day when individuals or groups will fund the schooling costs in advance.

Can we stay out of debt?

Yes, if you keep supporting us as God lays it on your heart. For the forty-five years the orphanage's doors have been open, God has faithfully and miraculously provided what we need.

You can help specifically by:

1. Picking one or more of the school items listed on page 4 to donate. Socks, jumpers, and shoes are all important.
2. Committing to underwrite part of the orphanage's education expenses on a yearly basis either the school supplies, uniform costs, or college costs. If you have questions, contact me at patty.meadows@elsauzal.org.
3. Praying for our students this new school year. ¡Gracias!

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“Not a lot of places like this”

Jesus, also called Chuy (pronounced chew-ee), has grown up at El Sauzal. He was brought when he was only two years old by his grandmother, along with his baby sister and brother. Their grandmother had been taking care of them; their father had died, and their mother was addicted to drugs.



Chuy says the orphanage “prepares us to be good people in the future.”

Chuy’s specialty: tourism

Chuy is going to the fifth semester of school next year at CECYTE BC, San Antonio de las Minas. His school has a technical training emphasis, and Chuy’s specialty is tourism.

We talked to the eighteen-year-old about his schooling and life at the orphanage. Chuy told us about his education. “I have a good relationship with my class mates and teachers. I really like tourism because we have learned about the archaeological zones of Mexico and this region.”

“Something interesting that happened this year is that they are closing the school where we study; this will cause the loss of some classes. Thank God that they have a deal to continue our studies in the same building. It looks like the school has acquired a property where they are going to build the new school.”

“I recommend the orphanage”

About the orphanage, Chuy says, “I have people who give good advice when I make a mistake. Here the leaders and the people who take care of us protect us and prepare us for when we don’t live at the orphanage any more. We don’t make the same mistakes that others make. They surround us, love us, and protect us to give us a good education to prepare us to be good people in the future. I recommend [the orphanage] because I don’t believe there are a lot of places like this.”

Congrats and thanks For participating in our contest

Thank you for sending in your fun and creative ideas. We enjoyed them and are grateful for your help. Congratulations to our winners. They will each receive one of our new t-shirts.

Heather J. from Conover, NJ
Gloria B. from Norman, OK
Dawn W. from Kelowna, BC, Canada
Brad D. from Long Beach, CA

We will offer the t-shirts for a donation in the fall. Special thanks to **Michael Rodriguez of Salt Water Teez** for designing and printing the new t-shirts.



Why do you visit us?

The First Baptist Church of Ashland, Oregon has been a faithful part of our family for over twenty-five years. Every spring break they send a group; some years they also have a second trip. Here are a few of their thoughts from their most recent visit. (Some have been to our home many times; for others it was the first visit.)

God has **always been faithful** to us on these trips. -Richard

After just a few days **I feel like old friends** with everybody here. -Chandler

May we take home with us everything we have learned and **put it to use.** -Pastor Ken

Here at the orphanage everyone has been **so welcoming and friendly.** -Melissa

You can always see God working in the children and the people who run the orphanage. -Elli

Coming down here was life changing and I know **I'll remember it for the rest of my life.** -Amarissa

I have seen **God work in so many ways** on this trip. -Kasey



The youth group getting ready for their long drive from Ashland to Ensenada, March 22nd earlier this year. What a blessing they are to us!





America graduated this summer, also. Her desire is to study dentistry. That program is in Tijuana.

Educating our kids

Please 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. ¡Gracias for your help!



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



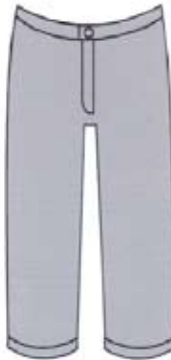
Boy's/Girl's Short-Sleeve Shirt \$10



Girl's Jumper \$20



Boy's/Girl's Pants \$35



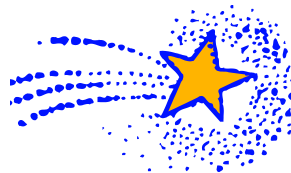
Sweatpants or Skirt \$15



Boy's/Girl's Shoes \$40



Boy's/Girl's Socks \$5



College Education for One of Our Teens \$500 per Month



Help with Another Item, \$ _____