

A home for hurting children.

El Sauzal Orphanage is a family-run home in Baja, Mexico, near Ensenada, giving abandoned, abused and wounded children a warm Christian home. Established in 1967, our home has been run by three generations of the Espinoza family, who have loved and cared for the kids.



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Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

-James 1:27

Together we built a stronger home

Over the last two years the El Sauzal Orphanage property has undergone an immense remodel. As most of you know, the Mexican government recently made sweeping changes to the regulations for organizations that care for children. Substantial upgrades to fire safety, structural integrity, evacuation planning, plumbing, and even minor changes like lighting must be completed in order to comply with the new laws and keep these much-needed institutions open.

You, our supporters, by faith have responded, even though many have never set foot on the property, or seen the inside of the buildings. While the façade and exterior of the buildings maintain the same look and feel that have become a visual brand for El Sauzal, the interior has undergone a substantial makeover. Dorms have been refreshed, staircases rebuilt, entries moved and modernized, plumbing reworked, and the electrical system updated.

Overcoming unforeseen obstacles

If you have ever been witness to a construction project that involves remodeling, you know that your initial plans go right out the window after the first wall is opened! This has been no different, except for scale. We encountered so many difficulties and unforeseen needs that seemed, at the time, nigh insurmountable. However, by God's grace, here we are today with like-new dorms for the kids, better laundry facilities, updated water delivery, and so much more. Financing an international building project is no simple task, but with donors and supporters like you, we have been able to meet the most critical needs as they surfaced.

Looking after orphans in their distress

Unfortunately, more repairs remain, and not just the ones we anticipated. The record rains last winter caused flooding that damaged some of the newly installed drywall and flooring.

One of the areas was found to be infected with termites, and the resulting structural damage was such that work had to be halted immediately. And in several areas, workable solutions are still being sought to conform decades-old construction with modern safety standards. The expected costs from this point forward have not yet been fully calculated, but estimates indicate we currently need to raise approximately \$60,000 US. This amount will cover basic requirements to achieve livable standards in the termite-damaged area and finish the final details of the remodeling on the rest of the property.

Of course, there continue to be our daily needs: maintain the property, feed and clothe our niños, acquire fuel, water, and the other things that go along with providing a loving home for these children. We still have many projects unrelated to the Mexican government's requirements that can be done through the work of short term-missions, Eagle Projects, and other visiting crews.

Will you help us grow?

The termite damage has made one of the areas in the orphanage uninhabitable, downsizing our space. Until we have the funds to complete these repairs, we have limited the new children coming into our home. After 50 faithful years, we believe that God will continue to provide through the selfless acts and kindness of you, El Sauzal's donors. Will you help us grow?



Your donation helps:

- Feed and clothe our children
- Educate and train them
- Complete Mexican government's requirements
- Repair termite-damaged area
- Accept more needy children to our home