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Making a child's dreams come true

On July 21st, we celebrated the Orphanage's 40th anniversary. (See the photo spread on pages 2 and 3.) At the party, we rejoiced and praised God for the children, more than 1,000, who have passed through our gates. At the joyful event were many grown up 'kids' who call Orphanage founders Ramon and Magdalena 'Papa' and 'Mama'.

Education has always been of utmost importance at the Orphanage - first, teaching kids about God's love for them, and second, giving kids the schooling they need. With your help and prayers, we've been giving our children this education for many years.

Meet Alejandra, One of our Grown 'Kids'

Attending the 40th celebration was a woman named Alejandra. About thirty years ago, a poor mama brought her nine-month-old baby girl to the Orphanage. Baby Alejandra grew up surrounded by love and a big family. Her mother later brought Alejandra's brother and sister to the Orphanage. When the mother's finances were more stable, she returned to take the kids home. Alejandra, age eleven, didn't want to leave the family she had always known. She stayed at El Sauzal.

As Alejandra grew, she became fascinated with photography. When she entered higher education, she studied two different areas, law and photography. She lived at the her orphanage home until she married, at age twenty-two.

Today in her career, Alejandra has used both skills. She has practiced law for the Mexican government, done forensic work, and is currently working as a professional photographer. She has a sweet young daughter of her own. Alejandra's life at El Sauzal and her education are a result of special gifts from amigos like you.

Going back to school

August is the most expensive month of the year at El Sauzal. Would you help by purchasing a part of our kids' required uniforms? With a gift of \$5 or more, you can clothe our kids as they get the education that will better their lives. (See page 4 for a list of different uniform pieces and their costs.) Your support will empower our kids as they grow to pursue their interests in their careers and lives, just as Alejandra did.



Left- Alejandra and Patty as young girls.

Below - Alejandra at the 40th Anniversary surrounded by her large family.



"I'm very grateful with all of you... for all the people that helped, that did something directly or indirectly. And all the other ones that are helping - they gave us food and love...everything. I don't have the words to express - thank you." -Alejandra

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Left - Magdalena and Ramon singing during the presentation. Granddaughter Erika translated the entire program.

Below - Gringo Jim from Washington with a sweet baby from the El Sauzal nursery.

"Well done my good and faithful servant...Let's celebrate together!"

-Matthew 25:21



Left - Waiting for dinner to be served. Large tents, tables and chairs were rented for the beautifully decorated party. About two hundred Mexicans and gringos were in attendance.

Thank you for remembering

Anniversary

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Right - Grown Orphanage 'kid' Patty with husband Eduardo and one of their two children, Daniela.

Below - Lovely and refreshing cakes of different tropical flavors were served.



Left - A joyful reunion of grown Orphanage kids, along with El Sauzal leadership, Josue (bottom row left), Roy (mid row), and Magdalena and Ramon (bottom row right).



this special time with us!!



Can you help buy school uniforms?

Here are several of the items the Mexican public schools require. It costs about \$225 to get everything an individual child needs.



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



Sweat Pants or Skirt
\$15



Girl's Jumper Pants
\$30



Boy's/Girl's Socks
\$5



Boy's/Girl's Shoes
\$40



Do you want to help with a different item?
\$_____