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**MISIÓN MÉXICO NEWSLETTER**

*Dando Amor, Vida y Esperanza*



## *Greetings from all at Misión México,*

The children of Misión México have had very disadvantaged beginnings, where the life they had was focused on surviving and not on nurturing. Usually they suffered abuse and never knew any form of stability. There was definitely no positive stimulation and their lives were surrounded with negativity.

When the children arrived at Misión México, we found that the majority have had very limited education, if any. Their creative talents were virtually non-existent. Some have mental blocks from the abuse they have suffered.

We aim to try and undo the damage done, by providing loving, stimulating surroundings with a life blessed with opportunities, where the children can develop to their full potential.

With this goal in mind, it has not been an easy task to change the negative to positive as 'old habits die hard', but little-by-little we are achieving just that, positive results.

With the end of the school year, and the beginning of the new one, it is with great satisfaction that Alan and I reflect on where the children have come from and where they are now.

We are so pleased to inform you that three students graduated from Senior Secondary school, and all three have now entered University!!

Three graduated from Secondary and have now started Senior.

Six graduated from Primary School and are now in Secondary.

A number of children did exceptionally well, receiving diplomas. Katherine, who was in the second year of Senior and Griselda who was in the first year of Secondary, received top marks. All but two children passed to the next level.



Over the vacation period we hired a teacher to tutor the primary children for two hours each afternoon; this has been a great investment. This teacher is getting results and the children love his classes. They went back to school for the new school year with additional confidence and some kids, who dreaded classes before, are loving them now!

We are also hiring another teacher for the secondary and senior children. Both these teachers are excellent.

During the vacations, our wonderful volunteers organized many activities, such as, beading, woodwork, drawing, painting, dancing, cooking and sewing, as well as, music and sports. Thanks to the volunteers, the six weeks flew by and were jammed packed with lots of creative activities. We now have an amazing wall-hanging in the lounge room of paintings that the children did after learning about Australian Aboriginal art. And, a ceiling in one of the boy's rooms is covered with hanging, wooden sea gulls, and it looks amazing.

The music room is such an asset to the place. Thanks to St Francis Xavier College, Florey, Act., who raised the money to build the room, we now have some great jam sessions with lots of talent developing.

The children and young adults of Misión México are growing into beautiful people due to a lot of hard work, patience and dedicated support by many.

**With your help we will break the cycle of poverty.**

We sincerely thank you for your dedication to helping the children of Mexico and Central America. Without you, this refuge would not exist. Without you, it would be impossible to keep the everyday running side of things happening. This support is the foundation for the children's life here.



Thank You and God bless you all,

Pam and Alan Skuse

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