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Our 40th Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we celebrate forty faithful years of loving and caring for needy and wounded Mexican children, while we look ahead to the future of the El Sauzal Orphanage.

Why we rejoice

- Praising God for His faithful help and blessing of our home for needy children
- Honoring the legacy of Ramon and Magdalena Espinoza, the original founders of the El Sauzal Orphanage
- Commemorating the continuing work of Josue and Lilia Espinoza, and Ruffo and Erika Aguilar
- Supporting the dedicated staff who have given sacrificially of their lives
- Celebrating the many children who have grown up at the Orphanage
- Remembering the faithful friends of El Sauzal who have encouraged and supported the children and staff

"Well done my good and faithful servant...Let's celebrate together!"
-Matthew 25:21



The celebration

- Jubilant program with special music and speakers
- Joyful reception with many new and old friends, including children, now adults, who have grown up at Orphanage
- Wonderfully prepared dinner by Orphanage staff

When & Where

- Saturday, July 21st, 2007 at the El Sauzal Orphanage
- Program at 1:00 pm, followed by reception and dinner

For more info...

- Mark and send back the enclosed slip
- See the elsauzal.org website
- Email Roy.Ketring@elsauzal.org

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Super Abel grows in character

In visiting the Orphanage year after year, I have had the wonderful opportunity to watch many of the children as they grow up to become bright and mature individuals. One boy, Abel must have been about nine-years-old when I first came to visit El Sauzal. He was full of energy and life as any boy his age would be. Over the years I have seen him graduate from grade school, move into high school and mature into an amazing young man. Abel is fifteen years old now, and on a recent trip to the Orphanage I was struck by the strong character he has developed. With his bright and charming personality, he defies any stereotype of a typical teenage boy.

One Friday afternoon as some of the younger boys were playing around outside, I watched as Abel joined in. Wearing a Superman cape he playfully chased the boys around the basketball court. They would laugh and run away as Abel swooped down on them in his goofy costume. As their little game continued for quite some time, I couldn't help but stop and wonder what other fifteen-year-old boys I know of, would take their afternoon, after doing chores and homework, to stop and play with a group of seven-year-olds. As I watched how Abel cared for and loved the younger children, I could see God's love working through his young life in an amazing way.

-by Kelly Hinz, Seattle, Washington
Kelly watched Abel playing on her recent trip in March.

Feeding the kids with a new stove

Did you ever have an old appliance that was just too expensive to replace? The Orphanage has been in need of a new commercial sized cooking stove for a very long time. The old stove, used to cook for the entire Orphanage, had only 2 of the 12 burners working. Replacing it was going to cost thousands of dollars...and so the staff made do. Can you imagine cooking for forty children per meal with only two working burners?

The First Baptist Church of Ashland, Oregon committed to purchasing and installing a new stove. First Baptist has been visiting and helping the Orphanage for many years. Loren, from First Baptist wrote:

The stoves are in. [We] went down and just got back. What a trip! Lots of stories. We got kicked out of Mexico! OK just temporary. We had to go from Tecate to Otay Mesa to take the stoves in. They do work and boy do they put out heat. We had all 12 burners going and the griddle and WOW. God is good.

Thank you so much, First Baptist, for raising the funds for this much needed equipment. We are so grateful for the entire church's support. Thank you, Loren, Ken and Richard for your exciting trip delivering the stove and installing it. There will be countless tortillas, pans of beans, rice and so much more cooked on it. Thank you for looking "after orphans and widows in their distress" (James 1:27). Many warm, filled tummies thank you!

Stove installers Ken, Richard and Loren from First Baptist, Ashland, Oregon, in front of the beautiful new stove



Emily's tea party benefits Orphanage babies

When Emily Joyce Williams of Federal Way, Washington turned nine, she wanted to do something very different for her birthday. Her mom, Angie, and grandmother, Helene, planned a special tea party for Emily and about ten other little girls. Emily's invitations read:

In place of gifts, Emily has requested gifts be donated to an orphanage in Mexico called El Sauzal. If you would like to purchase any infant items such as sippy cups, toddler bowls, cups and spoons we will have them delivered by friends in the church. Thank you.



Emily has never been to the Orphanage, but her family has been involved with El Sauzal for many years. Both her dad Stephen, and grandpa Ron have organized and led trips to El Sauzal. The family's passion for missions and helping others has been passed on for several generations; now Emily is carrying it on as well.

As the girls arrived at the party wearing dresses and bows, they filled to overflowing a large tub of new

Emily's tea party was a sweet event with U.S. children helping Mexican children.



items for the nursery kids. The party itself was a classic event with lemonade, ice cream, teddy bears, balloons and dress up clothes. The special day was made even more sweet by including the El Sauzal's babies.

The babies' cups, bowls, spoons and plates were delivered to the nursery in late March.

Welcoming your credit card gifts

We are happy to now be able to receive your VISA and Mastercard donations. Please see the inserted slip for more information.

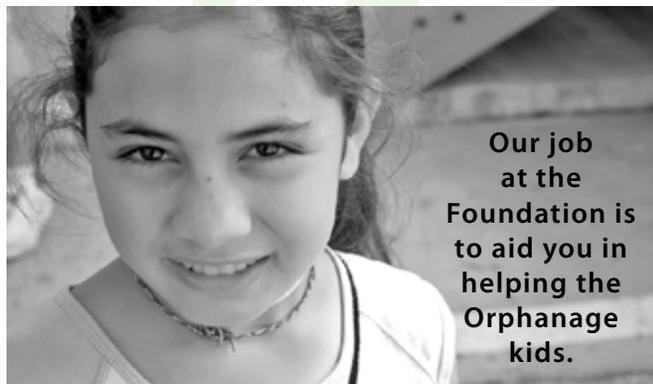
We are also so grateful for you:

- On-line donations through Paypal, at www.elsauzal.org/Give.html.
- Checks, cash, money orders and goods donations.

Muchas gracias!

Insuring that your gifts are handled well

The El Sauzal Foundation, Inc. is a U.S. non-profit organization with the purpose of supporting the El Sauzal Orphanage.



Our job at the Foundation is to aid you in helping the Orphanage kids.

2006 El Sauzal Foundation's Report

Praise God for His amazing blessings! Our income for 2006 was \$80,711. Our operating expenses - printing, postage, bank fees, et cetera were \$2,145, or 2.7% of our income. Therefore, over 97% of your donations went directly to the Orphanage for their work.

Our Core Values, as a Foundation are:

- Jesus is our Savior.
- Spiritual growth.
- Assisting the El Sauzal Orphanage.
- Helping wounded children.
- Cultural sensitivity and respect.
- Financial accountability.
- Relationally centered.

Read more at elsauzal.org/corevalues.html.

Grateful for gifts honoring your loved ones

Thank you for sending special gifts, both in memory of loved ones who have passed away, and in honor of friends and family. What a privilege that you chose the Orphanage as a way to remember special people in your life.



Your gifts help great kids like Dayana

Special Gifts

From:	In Honor of:
Advanced Health Care staff	Ron & Pat Bode, co-owners
Advanced Health Care staff	Julie Ferguson, co-owner
Dr. Jerry Boshell's staff	Dr. Jerry Boshell
Scott Jones	Aurora Jones, grandmother
Patti Kennedy	Xi Lambda Delta, sorority
Bjorn and Lynessa Tinglum	Ron & Pat Bode, parents

Memorials

From:	In Memory of:
Lorrie Bell	Pearl Bell, mother
Mr. & Mrs. Lynn Clement	Betty Leonards, cousin
Doug & Betsy Cockrell	Paul Cockrell, father
Thomas & Laurie Lehr	Betty Leonards, aunt
Phillip & Aida Lough	Mrs. Aida Sayeski, neighbor

Thank you for giving while buying groceries

Many of you have signed up for our **Grocery program** with the **Albertsons and Ralphs (Krogers)** chains. With just a shoppers card, you have been helping the Orphanage whenever you purchase groceries. So far, you have brought in **\$600.26**. (If you would like to be part of this program, please contact Roy.Ketring@elsauzal.org.) **Muchas gracias to each of you who are giving while buying groceries!**

- Bob & Donna Gardiner
- Donna Goddard
- Geri Hallenbeck
- Fay Hanson
- Gail Harrison
- Jim & Kimberly Hart
- Alan & Suzanne Heineman
- Mel & Mary Hinz
- Rick & Michele Hinz
- Kimberly Holden
- Hildeo & Carrie Imai
- Kristine Johnson
- Brian and Marcia Johnson
- Raymond & Queenie Kearney
- Shanna Kester
- Harold, Marie, & Bill Keys
- Louie & Diana Landry
- Dennis & Penny Large
- Dan & Joanne Lloyd
- Jim & Margaret Lloyd
- Rob & Elena Lowy
- Lori Lusk

- Gale & Lynette Mattarocci
- Joseph & Janice Mauratic
- Kimberly McManus
- Lonny & Doris Meadows
- Keith & Patty Meadows
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- Charlyne Campbell
- Sheila Cavan
- Jim & Kathy Cherry
- William & Luese Davis
- Derek & Janet Eck
- Sherrell & Delia Eckstein
- Steve & Frankie Edmonds
- Rafael Espinoza
- John & Vivian Fredenberg



"But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

~1 Corinthians 15:57