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Greetings from Cozumel

This edition of our newsletter is full of good news and exciting events that are happening at Ciudad de Ángeles. We consider each of you a vital part of our family and love to share the latest news. Thank you for your continued support of the work here in Mexico.

Angel Update

We lead off with the greatest announcement we have ever been able to share! Damian, our oldest child, became our first angel to be baptized into Christ in January. Damian is shown below with Jorge Moreno, the husband of our director, Alejandra. Jorge has been a special mentor for Damian.



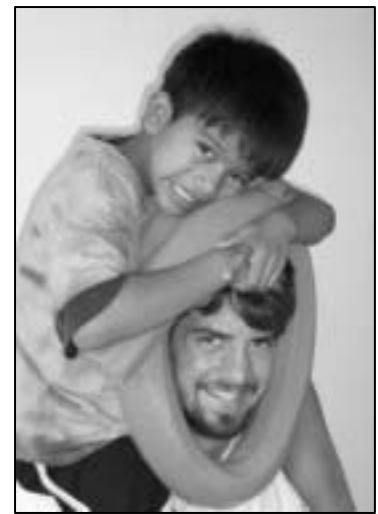
Damian also received a special award from the state of Quintana Roo in recognition of his interest in literature. With that award, he also became the caretaker of over 150 books that were donated to Ciudad de Ángeles. It is intended that Damian will share his love of reading with the other angels at the home as well as other children in Cozumel. During the ceremony, held at Casa II, we were visited by the governor of the State (Sr. Joaquin Hendricks) and the mayor of Cozumel (Sr. Carlos Hernandez). Damian is shown with the governor on the second page.

Churches of Christ assisting children of the Yucatan

March and April proved to be challenging months for the "mamis" at Ciudad de Ángeles. Six of the angels, and one worker, contracted chicken pox. The illness was a disappointment for the children during their Spring Break, especially when visiting groups were here. Other than that, Ciudad de Ángeles continues to be home to 17 happy and healthy children.

The local congregation is very supportive of the work of Ciudad de Ángeles, and we appreciate the models of Christian families they provide our children. We are especially pleased that Jorge Moreno (discussed above) has agreed to take direct accountability

as a male spiritual role model to the angels. Jorge, will do this part time and in addition to his current position as administrator at the Bible Institute (ILEB).



Visiting Groups

Ciudad de Ángeles is hosting nine week-long mission teams in 2005. Two of these teams have already served in March, Lipscomb and Lubbock Christian Universities. Logan Thrasher from Lipscomb, a student who has visited us several times, is shown above with his special friend, Luis. The remaining groups are scheduled for this summer and fall.

In August 2005, application packets for 2006 teams will be mailed out. We would like to update our mailing list for all potential team leaders in 2006 by this June. Ciudad de Ángeles encourages a diversity of team dynamics – family groups, youth and university teams, special age groups like senior citizens, or those

with special talents. If you would like to be on the mailing list for 2006 mission team applications, please contact us.

Visiting groups make a critical contribution to the success of the home as they provide additional resources – physical, spiritual, and financial – to help the home and the children develop.



Building A Neighborhood

We are also very pleased to inform you that our capital campaign, designated the *Neighborhood Investment Plan*, ended in February as a resounding success. The campaign closed at 10% over goal. The campaign intended to generate funds to purchase land and begin construction of a neighborhood of houses that will provide space for as many as 80 children.

In earlier newsletters, we explained our collaboration with the government to receive an ideal piece of land. Our progress has been slowed because Governor Hendricks (discussed above) left office on April 10 and was not permitted to donate property late in his term. However, we have many good contacts in the new administration and are optimistic we can move forward in a positive way to finalize the transaction. We have already had meetings with the highest levels of the new administration.

Expanding Services

Ciudad de Ángeles will add a third rental house during the summer of 2005. We have already contracted a house that will serve us well and allow us to add children. There are many children in need and our task to define the best match of children for our next house is difficult and emotional. Please keep us in your prayers as we select which children will become our next angels.

We are happy that each current child has at least one sponsoring family. Each of our sponsors has developed a good relationship with their special angel. Many sponsors have visited and all communicate regularly through letters.

This program has proven to be valuable to Ciudad de Ángeles in building the self-esteem of the children and helping them to recognize their sense of belonging in the church and individual families. Several partial sponsorships still exist, and we will need new sponsors as children are added. Please check our website to see the latest needs.

Board of Directors

The strategic direction of Ciudad de Ángeles is led by a group of Christians who have a special interest in and love for the work here. Shown below (l to r) are James McCreary, Nancy Gardner, Phil Waldron, Rick Dunlap, Gary Gardner, and Greg Winnett. Not shown are Stan Stout and Matt Elliott. This group represents the founding, past and current



members of the board. We thank them very much for their role in the development of the home.



Ofelia Morales Weds

Ofelia, who has been with Ciudad de Ángeles since the beginning, married Victor Narvaez on March 30. Ofelia serves in many roles for the home including “mami”, office manager, visiting group coordinator, and in public relations. Ofelia will continue to work for the home.

Command those who are rich in this present world . . . to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share . . . so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.
1 Tim. 6:17-19

Serve With Us

Some have requested e-mail addresses for our workers. These are now located on the website under the “Contact Us” section.

There are many ways to serve in this ministry, so contact us if you are interested. We are a 501.c.3, non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible. United Way now allows your donation to be directed to Ciudad de Ángeles. Direct donations may qualify for “matching funds” from your employer, so please inquire.