



OUR HISTORY

- 1966.....A young couple from Missouri made a trip to Mexico to assess how they could best work to meet needs and evangelize the people. They were met in Mexico City by veteran missionary Dean Cary. After much prayer they decided to begin a program that would later be called “Niños de Mexico”.
- January 1967.....The couple moved to Mexico and the work began. They received the first house children into their rented home in Mexico City while they searched for a permanent facility. Late in 1967 property was located and purchased in San Vicente, Chicoloapan, just outside of the city. The property had a small three-bedroom house and another one-room building.
- February 1968The move was made from Mexico City. The “family” had grown to 25 and there were “wall-to-wall” children in the new home. An overall development plan was formulated and construction was started on the building that would later become known as Casa Genesis.
- 1972.....Don and Vi Bader joined the work as Associate Directors. Their time was divided between Mexico and the United States.Genesis
- June 1975.....A second property was bought in Huexotla, a village about seven miles north of San Vicente. Jack and Vicki Yarnell accepted the ministry as house parents for the new home, Casa Agape.
- 1978.....The young couple who started the ministry returned to the U.S. and Don Bader became the Director of the work. Shortly after, Keith Bader, Don’s son, joined the work as Business Manager, later becoming President of the non-profit Niños de México corporation. Jack and Vicki Yarnell took over the combined duties of caring for the children from both homes with assistance from the Baders.
- 1978.....An office was opened in Union, Missouri to provide communication with U.S. churches and take care of the business end of this expanding ministry. It is from these offices that the overall work is now directed.
- 1984.....Property was bought in Texcoco and the third house, “Casa Bethel”, began receiving children.
- July 1987Terry and Carol Stine were asked to join the Niños staff. Terry became the new Executive Director. Because of the need to have first-hand experience and knowledge of the work, the board asked the Stine family to live in Mexico for one year, which turned into three.
- November 1988.....Fernando and Martha Soriano came on staff to serve as house parents in Casa Agape.

- 1989..... The Baders left the work and returned to the US. Salvador & Alicia Carrizoza served as houseparents at the Bethel House in Texcoco.
- Spring 1990 The Stines moved back to Union, Missouri to direct the ministry from there.
- 1990..... Frances Ransom came on staff as a volunteer to help in various capacities including translation for the HUGS program, tutoring the children, assisting in the homes, and teaching in the school later on.
- June 1990..... Steve and Janet Ross accepted the ministry of Administrative Director, moving to Mexico with their three little girls.
- January 1992..... Rick Grove was added to the staff as Development Director. Rick helped people fulfill their wishes in estate planning as well as presenting the work to congregations. 25 years
- April 1992 Crystal Koster was added as Executive Assistant to US office staff. She worked part-time until Dec 1996. She rejoined the staff full time in 1999 as the Office Administrator.
- June 1992..... Niños began a partnership with the small congregation in San Vicente Chicoloapan. Niños staff were actively involved in teaching, preaching, leading worship, etc
- January 1994..... The Yarnells completed 19 years as house parents and began working with groups and public relations.
- August 1996 Dr. Larry and Ellen Banta became permanent staff. Larry is a medical doctor as well as a Christian psychiatrist. Together, the Bantas staffed a clinic for the care of the Niños children as well as the community.
- January 1997..... Casa Esperanza was converted into home number four from a barn. Steve and Janet Ross started serving as the house parents.
- August 1997 Nancy Urbon came on staff as a teacher and principal in the school.
- August 1997 Nancy Sachs joined the US office staff as part time Executive Assistant. She later became the US HUGS coordinator as well.
- September 1997 The mission to Chilapa was started. Monthly visits for medical and evangelism were conducted by Dr. Banta and a team of Niños staff and older children.
- September 1998.... Niños' school construction was finished and the school year started.
- July 1999 The Bantas left the ministry and returned to the US.
- August 1999 Dr. Noe and Saraid Flores came on staff to serve as medical doctor to Niños children, staff, and community. David & Maribel Hernandez serve for a year as substitute houseparents in all four homes.
- August 2000 Denise Tindle came on staff to serve as the Accountant in Mexico and to assist in the homes.
- September 2000 Jorge Bonilla (grew up at Niños) and Nancy Urbon were married.
- April 2001 Jack and Vicki Yarnell retired from the ministry after 26 faithful years of service with Niños. Robi and Ani Renz came on staff to serve as house parents and teach in the school. Chrystal Gallacci came on staff to help in the school, assist in the homes, and translation of HUGS program correspondence.

- August 2001 Mick and Lisa O'Hanahan moved to Mexico to help as relief house parents and work in the Administration. They later took over coordinating groups and public relations. Bryan and Michal King also joined the staff to help in the school and as relief house parents.
- January 2002..... Steve & Janet Ross resigned to minister with First Christian Church of Florissant. Israel and Dorcas Avalos came on staff to serve as house parents at Casa Esperanza. Jonathon Miller came on staff to help in the school and assist in the homes.
- August 2002 Jorge and Nancy Bonilla left the ministry and moved to the US while Jorge finishes his Masters degree. Frances Ransom left the ministry and returned to the US. Jim & Mary Redhage left the ministry opening up an auto repair business in Texcoco. Seth and Dana Thomas moved to Mexico to help in the school and as relief house parents. Bryan King also became the secondary principal.
- December 2002..... Eduardo Zamora joined the staff as Director of Education and began overseeing both Niños' private Christian school as well as the educational programs of the technical and university students.
- May 2003..... Sergio and Jackie Rizo moved to Mexico to help in the school and as relief house parents. Armando Diaz came on staff to help in the school and assist in the homes. Jonathon Miller left the ministry and returned to the US.
- June 2003..... Niños began a planting ministry to plant alumni in the field in starting churches and other ministries throughout Mexico.
- March 2004..... Armando Diaz and Denise Tindle were married.
- May 2004 Rick Grove left the Niños ministry.
- June 2004..... The O'Hanahans moved to Carl Junction, MO and Mick became the Development Director. The Thomas' took over coordinating groups and public relations. Chrystal Gallacci left the ministry and returned to the US.
- July 2004 Jorge & Ana Clarita Martinez joined staff as church planters in Chilapa PueblaKids at school
- August 2004 Josh and Rachel Gordon moved to Mexico to help in the areas of evangelism, church planting, and as relief house parents. They later serves as Group Coordinators. Michal King became the primary principal.
- April 2005 Alfredo and Amelia Coronel became the new house parents at Casa Bethel.
- July 2005 Terry and Carol Stine moved to Boise, ID to serve as professors at Boise Bible College and direct the Niños ministry from there.
- July 2005 Seth Thomas became the Field Director in Mexico.
- July 2005 Fernando and Martha Soriano retired as house parents at Casa Agape and began serving in the area of Alumni ministry, reaching out to the many alumni teenagers and adults. Sergio and Jackie Rizo, along with their son Josiah, began serving as house parents at Casa Agape.
- October 2005..... Tomas and Ana Perez (both grew up at Niños) came on staff to serve in the area of relief house parents, school monitors, as well as serving in a ministry in Nexquipayac, Mexico.

October 2005.....Ricardo and Azalia Rosales, along with their two boys, Ricardo and Miguel, came on staff to serve in the area of relief house parents and school monitors.

April 2006Sergio and Jackie Rizo resigned as House Parents at Casa Agape and returned to the US. Ricardo and Azalia Rosales stepped in to the role as House Parents at Casa Agape.

August 2006Matthew and Tiffany Carmichael joined the Niños team working in the school and in translation and publications. They later served as Group Coordinators

December 2006Both Israel and Dorcas Avalos and Tomas and Ana Perez left the ministry to serve in other church works in Mexico. The Gordons became houseparents at Casa Esperanza.

July 2007Seth Thomas became the Executive Director of Niños de México. Terry Stine became the President of Boise Bible College (ID) and a member of the Board of Directors of Niños de México. Bryan King took on the role of Field Director in Mexico.

December 2007Joshua and Rachel Gordon moved back to the States to continue their education. Santiago & Guadalupe Garcia became houseparents at Casa Esperanza.

January 2008.....Luis and Lorena (grew up at Niños) Escutia also took on the ministry as House Parents in Casa Genesis. Ivonne Sanchez joined staff as a full-time psychologist ministering to the children and houseparents.

September 2008....Antonio & Sarai Soriano joined staff as relief houseparents

October 2008.....Bryan & Michal left to begin ministering in Oklahoma. Daniel Rangel became the Field Director, and Julie served as the M.O.L.E.S. Internship Coordinator.

January 2009.....Erin Fitcher joined staff working in the school and as H.U.G.S. Coordinator.

April 2009Seth & Dana Thomas moved back to Union to direct the ministry from the US. Armando & Denise left the ministry moving back to Jefferson City, MO. Marcela (grew up at Niños) joined staff as the Mexican Office Administrative Assistant.

April 2010Lee & Ruthie Wiggins began a ministry as “grandparents” to the kids and work in the school.

June 2010..... Marcos Becerra (grew up at Niños) joined the staff helping in the administrative area and with work groups.

August 2010Matt & Tiffany left the ministry and moved back to the Springfield MO area to be with family. Megan Kvistad joined staff as our English Teacher and H.U.G.S. Coordinator in Mexico.

September 2010....Saul Flores joined staff working with the San Vicente Church in Youth Ministry.

December 2010..... Erin returns to the United States.

June 2011Saul Flores married Abby Johnson and plans were forming for a new church plant in Texcoco. Marcos Becerra married Jessica Flores and moved back to Piedras Negras.

July 2011Santiago & Guadalupe resigned as houseparents and Ignacio and Marilu Bernal became the houseparents at Casa Esperanza

December 2011 Tonio & Sarai Soriano resign as houseparents

February 2012 A new congregation is begun in Texcoco under the direction of Saul Flores. This would later become Comunidad Cristiana Expansión (Expansion Christian Community)

April 2012 Ricardo (grew up at Niños) & Beatrice Peral became the houseparents at Casa Genesis

June 2012 Seth Thomas resigned as Executive Director to work with a congregation in Colorado. Steve Ross returned to the ministry in the role of Executive Director after working as the Associate Minister of Administration in a church in Florissant, MO. Daniel & Julie Rangel resigned and returned to the US.

August 2012 Separate Dormitories for young men and women over 18 were established in Texcoco. Abby Flores became Resident Director of the girls dorm and Daniel Myers became Resident Director of the boys dorm. Ruben (grew up at Niños) and Eunice Lopez began serving as Relief Houseparents in the homes.

September 2012 David Hernandez became the Field Director of Niños de Mexico.

November 2012 Daniel Myers leaves the ministry to pursue other ministry plans. Daniel Gallegos (grew up at Niños) became the Resident Director for the boys dorm.

January 2013 A new Mountain Medical Mission is opened in Contla, Puebla under the direction of Dr. Noe Flores and Pastor Jorge Martinez

March 2013 The Rosales family left the ministry to pursue other careers. The Coronel family leave the ministry to care for family.

June 2013 Caleb Higginbotham joins staff working in the area of HUGS, Assistant at Bethel, etc.

Summer 2013 Luis and Lorena Escutia invest more time and energy in the establishment of La Mision San Vicente

August 2013 Megan returned to US to teach in the Chicago area.

December 2013 Laura Hernandez began to serve as the Housemom with the Agape girls

January 2014 A new Mountain Medical Mission and church are opened in La Libertad under the direction of Dr. Noe Flores and Pastor Jorge Martinez

March 2014 Saul and Abby Flores leave the ministry to pursue other areas of ministry in the US and to continue their studies.

April 2014 The Emanuel House is opened up to receive children under the direction on Remedios Ortiz. The home starts with a family of six who were fully sponsored for a year by First Christian Church of Union, MO.

January 2015 Talks begin to take over the ministry of Casa de Niños in San Luis Potosi

Summer 2015 Gerardo and Guadalupe Tagle serve as the Assistant Short Term Missions coordinators for the summer.

August 2015 Niños begins to oversee the work with Casa de Niños in San Luis, Potosi with Marco and Nayeli serving as the houseparents here.

Late August 2015... transition is made moving the Bethel boys to the Genesis property and the Genesis girls to the Bethel home.

- October 2015.....Remodel is completed on the Genesis Home, creating additional space for the houseparents and sub-houseparents as well as additional rooms for the boys.
- January 2016.....Dr Noe Flores retires from his work with Niños but continues his medical outreach into the mountain areas of Chilapa, Contla and La Libertad until June 2016.
- March 2016.....Caleb Higgenbotham leaves ministry to marry one of the girls who grew up at Niños – Diana Gallegos
- April 2016The Rosales family return to Niños to minister with the boys at the Genesis home
- Summer 2016.....Juan and Jaqueline Vazquez serve as Assistant Short Term Missions coordinators for the summer.
- July 2016Julie Copp joins staff to work in the area of Spiritual Development – particularly among the young ladies of Niños
- August 2016Corrie and Romina Glenn join staff to work in the medical area caring for the children and staff of the mission
- August 2016The ministry is ministering to over 80 children and young adults. 13 new children have been added to the homes in the past 12 months.