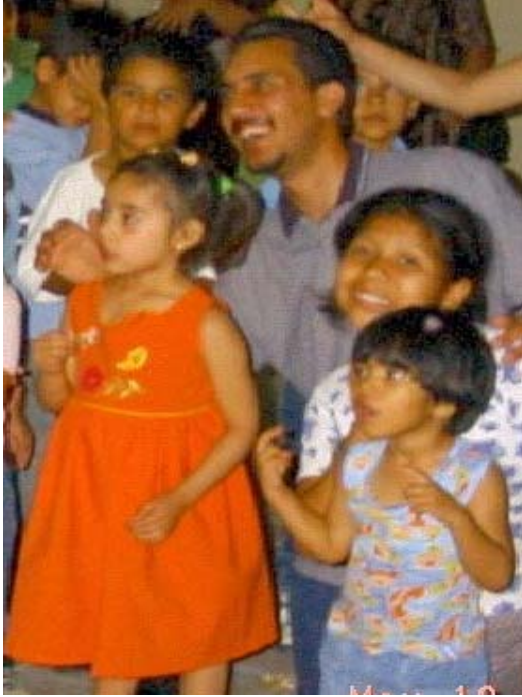




# Casa Sonrisa

## NEWS

### Think About It!



Some of you may have noticed that we don't do anything fancy in the Casa Sonrisa work. "Fancy" often means "more expensive." We abide by the principle that "Your dollar goes a long way with Casa Sonrisa (both figuratively and literally)."

When we get an opportunity to visit a congregation and tell the Casa Sonrisa story, the information handout is black & white basic. Nevertheless, those who take the time to read it learn the most important facts about this good work.

Folks learn that Casa Sonrisa is a means for Christians and other caring people to help some of the many needy children in Mexico. They learn that the basic reason for Casa Sonrisa's existence is stated in James 1:27: "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

Folks learn that Casa Sonrisa is UNIQUE in Mexico because, instead of the typical DORMITORY style of childcare in Mexico, each cottage has its own house parents.

Folks learn that we are a volunteer organization and that the only paid personnel are the house parents and their helpers in the cottages.

Finally, folks learn that Casa Sonrisa is under the oversight of the elders of the Westside Church of Christ.

### Presidential Ponderings ...

Next month we will cast our vote for the **President of the United States**, the executive head of our country and the leader of the free world. In celebration of this freedom, duty, and opportunity, the following are comments made by past presidents and first ladies on the idea of service to others.

**"Let your heart feel for the affliction and distress of everyone."** - *George Washington, 1st President of the US*

**"There is no cause half so sacred as the cause of a people. There is no idea so uplifting as the idea of the service of humanity."** - *Woodrow Wilson, 28th President of the US*

**"When you cease to make a contribution, you begin to die."** - *Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady, 32nd President of the US*

**"I know in my heart that man is good. That what is right will always eventually triumph. And there's purpose and worth to each and every life."** - *Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the US*

**"Having a big heart has nothing to do with how big your bank account is. Everyone has something to give."** - *Barbara Bush, First Lady, 41st President of the US*

### Modesta



Modesta came to Casa Sonrisa when she was only three years old. Her father was an alcoholic and her mother a prostitute and drug addict. Her new family at Casa Sonrisa, as well as her church family, now provide the love and support that she did not know in her infant and toddler years. Antonio (her Casa Sonrisa father) writes, "These days, Modesta is rising above heartpain because her little sister Cecy was taken away from Casa Sonrisa and was moved to her aunt's house. My wife and I are doing our best to help her. She really believes Casa Sonrisa is her only home. She likes worshipping on Sundays and loves to pray too." Modesta is now in the first grade. She loves school and works very hard at learning to read and write.



*For, you brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another." Galatians 5:13*