

Friends of Accion, Inc.

To render meaningful support to the charitable activities of Acción in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico with a view to advancing the well being of the people served and the Christian faith.

April 2014 greetings from our friends in Mexico!

Dear Friends,

As always, it is a joy to address you, and as spring has just arrived, we send our most sincere greetings and all our wishes of peace and affection both for you and your beloved families.

We ended last year with many significant happenings in our ministry. Last year we were blessed by the visits of successful groups from Charlotte, Fargo, Gettysburg, Greensboro, Tucson, and Vienna. Some were working at the Mayan Children's Village to improve its facilities. In both of our educational programs, Acción Ministries continues to grow by the steady strengthening of our young residents, as we carry on the mission of expanding His Kingdom.

Nonetheless, with all of these achievements, we're still facing big challenges with the potential to grow and strengthen ourselves. We take our role and responsibility very seriously in serving the Mayan community, and according to the new federal reforms in our country, we are upgrading our non-profit legal status with the Mexican government to ensure our unremittent and faithful service and, hopefully, to expand what we can do for the Mayan people.

We continue to pray that we might bring ongoing hope to the Mayan children and youth of the Yucatan peninsula. Our goal over the next five years is to establish an educational program for young Mayan women who wish to prepare for college, just as we have already pioneered the Merida Student House program for young Mayan men. We would like for our programs to grow, so that we might incorporate more Mayan children and youth to engage in these valuable Christian educational opportunities. As native missionaries, all of the Acción's staff value our commitment to better serve the church in Mayan communities. We trust our Lord that you will persevere in supporting us through your faithful and generous donations.

Based on what we just shared, we are completely confident that all the work we have been achieving with God's favor and the generous support from all our sponsors is a good example of service that the Lord of the harvest has graciously granted and entrusted to us.

To God be the glory,
Oscar R. Dorantes
Executive Director

Flip over for a few quotes translated from thank you letters from VIM and CEM students!

Some excerpts from thank you letters from students at the Mayan Children's Village (Villa Infantil Maya—VIM) and Merida Student House (Casa Estudiantil Merida—CEM):

Merida is very nice... I wish to express my deepest gratitude... For me this aid is extremely important I come from a humble family; thanks to God and you, I have had the opportunity to study for a good profession, to help me, others, and society. – Moises (age 19 at CEM, after VIM)

I am also very happy to be here at VIM and it is great that I'm almost about to finish my high school studies. Being here is like being at home, it is like my second home. I see them all as my second family, for the two years that I've been living here. – Olivia (age 16 at VIM)

My study of civil engineering is going very well, with some difficulties in hard subjects, but I know that I can pass them because I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me, and in the same way by great friends that help me and give me a hand when I need it. – Jose (age 19 at CEM)

I'm fine here in VIM. Here I'm still studying and growing in every way, including height hahaha. My sister graduated last summer, now we are only two of us, my brother and me. I'm the smallest of the three. – Cristian (age 13 at VIM)

I like to draw in my spare time, also play soccer with my friends. Another hobby of mine is the reading of the Bible,... I like to help people. I don't have parents; my mom died when I was a kid, and my dad left me. My brothers at VIM, Isaac and Juanita love me very much and support me. I live at VIM... and I'm going to continue studying hard. Thank you very much your help. – David (age 16 at VIM)

Every day, you help us support about 50 young men and women at VIM and CEM! Please, send your donations in the enclosed envelope or to the address shown below. Follow us on Facebook or check out our website. Pray for God's blessings on this ministry and these young men and women.

May God bless you, this ministry, and those we serve in Christ's name!