



Mayan Children's Village

Villa Infantil Maya (The Mayan Children's Village) was a dream of Rev. Oscar Dorantes (Sr.) and his son, Oscar R. Dorantes for a place where children could live and attend schools unavailable to them in their home villages. Accion provides room and board and transportation to school and to their homes on weekends.

VIM was designed to have the atmosphere of traditional Mayan villages where students can learn about agriculture and livestock in addition to their scholastic education. As a ministry of Acci3n, VIM encourages Christian growth through education, worship and role models.

VIM opened its doors in 2006 to 9 children and now is home to about 30 students.

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Building Educational Chances through American Sponsors (BECAS) is Acci3n's sponsorship program. In Spanish "beca" means "scholarship." BECAS is a way to provide a scholarship and personally connect with one of the students in our Mayan Children's Village or Merida Student House.

For \$140 per month you can cover the cost of hosting a child at our educational homes. One child at a time, Acci3n Ministries is breaking the cycle of poverty for Mayan Mexicans.

If you are interested in sponsoring a child (at \$140/month or any financial level), or would like to find out more about the BECAS program, please visit our website to see the current list of students. Then contact us to make your BECAS pledge.

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Merida Student House

The Merida Student House has been in operation since 1996 and was Acción Ministries' first "educational home." Its Spanish name is "Casa Estudiantil Merida" or "CEM." CEM provides room and board and some scholarships to young men who are pursuing high school, college, and seminary degrees at schools in the city of Merida. These men could not otherwise afford to live in Merida to attend school.

Today a number of CEM graduates are pastors, engineers, or other professionals who are able to serve the church and community. Service to God and fellow people is a strong emphasis in the Student House.



"The best and most beautiful moments of my life are in meeting and living with good people that have plans to keep VIM functioning."

- Joel (pictured at right) is a VIM resident who helped build a garden alongside American volunteers

In the small village of San Jan de Dios school ends after sixth grade. Like many of San Juan de Dios' children, Joel was born into a family of peasant farmers, and unable to afford a higher education. Joel was one of the first students to live at the Mayan Children's Village. Over the course of six years, Joel worked hard to graduate from high school, and is now pursuing a college degree, thanks to Acción Ministries.



We at Acción Ministries believe strongly that education provides the best path out of poverty. The Mexican government offers free public education through post-graduate school to those who pass rigorous tests. However, students are not offered transportation to public schools, and must also purchase books, uniforms, and secure their own lodging. As a result, many families from small villages cannot afford to send their children to school.

The Mayan Children's Village (abbreviated in Spanish as "VIM") and Merida Student House (abbreviated "CEM") are Acción's "homes for education" where students are hosted at no

cost to them. This enables them to attend school and further their education.

Our dedicated resident directors ensure that these children live in a warm, Christian environment where they are valued. The students also provide value to their VIM or CEM communities by helping with chores.

Acción provides room and board and transportation to school and to their family homes. Please help us keep these vital programs going! See the back panel for how to become a BECAS sponsor with Acción.

