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## Casa de la Esperanza Orphanage Outreach Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico

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**2011 Schedule of visits:** 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/16, 5/21, 6/18, 7/16, 8/20, 9/17, 10/15, 11/19 & 12/17

### A Typical Visit

Our day begins by meeting in the parking lot at Capo Beach Calvary of Capistrano Beach, California at 7:45 a.m. The address is 25975 Domingo, Capistrano Beach, California 92624. Once we are together and hand out maps, we get on the road about 8:00 a.m. We then meet again at the "Last U.S. Exit" before crossing the border, where we buy car insurance and regroup. Liability insurance for the day is about \$20. Then we caravan across the border to the orphanage, which is about 15 minutes south of the border. As we drive through the gates of Casa and begin to see the children's little hands waving, we know we're in for a very special day. After saying our "hellos" and handing out hugs and birthday presents, we unload our cars, park, and then the day really begins. Activities might include planned crafts, ball games, water balloon tosses, jump rope or swimming. We always serve lunch which is usually pizza, fresh fruit, raisins, drinks, and dessert. The rest of the day is spent with the kids. The time passes quickly and before you know it, it's time to say "Adios" and head back home to Capo Beach Calvary. Sometimes we stop in San Diego for dinner, which gives us all a nice time together before the drive home.

### Taxis

If some of you would like to go, but don't want to drive in Mexico, taxi service is available to the orphanage for a fee of \$12 each way. Park on this side of the border (cost \$8), catch a cab and ask them to pick you up at a certain time. They drop you back at the border and you can walk thru customs. It takes a little less than an hour from the orphanage and to complete customs before reaching your car.

### Boarder Crossing into US

Anyone can apply for a Sentri pass which is like getting a security clearance--so you have to have a good record! It costs about \$25 for the application and \$100 for the pass. There is a Sentri lane at Otay Mesa and I think at the San Ysidro border. Applications are accepted on line only.

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Love is the most important thing you can bring to the children! However, if you would like to bring something additional, even the smallest things will be greatly appreciated by the kids and the workers of the orphanage. Here is a list of those items, which are needed most. The most important items are in red.

Food	Misc.	Toiletries
Powdered Milk Cooking Oil Gelatin Flour Corn Meal (Masa) Canned Fruits Canned Corn Any Kind of Protein (Meats) Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Canned Juice Raisins Salt Jams Powdered Eggs Evaporated Milk Oatmeal Chocolate Cheese Sour Cream	Laundry Soap Bleach Windex Silverware Scotch Tape Scissors Paper Clips Stapler & Staples Aluminum Foil Yardage Sewing Needles & Thread Sewing Patterns White Glue Colored Construction Paper Pencil Sharpener Notebooks Crayons C oloring Books Water Based Paint for Crafts	Shampoo Toilet Paper Nail Clippers Towels Tooth Brushes Hair Brushes or Comb
Clothing	Tools	Toys
<b>New Children's Clothing</b> <b>New Shoes - sizes 4-8</b> <b>* Used clothing is no longer permitted by the Mexican authorities.</b>	Hammers Picks Shovels Brooms Iron and Bamboo Rakes Hoses for Irrigation Paint Brushes & Rollers Duct Tape	Any Kind of Safe Toy (without battery is best)



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**Frequently Asked Questions**

***What's the purpose of this ministry?***

Our purpose has always been to show our love to the kids of Casa through regular and consistent visits to the orphanage and through prayer. The primary mission of our ministry is to show the children of Casa de la Esperanza orphanage, and those who care for them, the love of Jesus Christ through regularly scheduled visits during which we play, hold and love the children. In addition we will display God's love by providing building construction as God provides the manpower and the finances to complete such projects. We will also give material gifts of food, clothing, and basic supplies.

***Who supports the orphanage?***

Various churches in the US and Mexico as well as Capo Beach Calvary. If you are able to help financially, please note the amount you'd like given to Casa de la Esperanza on your check. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated,

***Do I need to speak Spanish to go?***

Definitely not...that's half the challenge! You do not have to know the language to communicate with the kids. You just have to know how to hug them, love them, and play with them.

***Is it really sad to visit the orphanage?***

No! It's a wonderful experience. The kids are pretty well cared for and, for the most part Happy. The children know we're there to spend the day with them and they enthusiastically accept all the love we can give them.

***Should I donate items?***

It's not necessary or requested - but you're always welcome to bring something. Fresh fruit, frozen meat, cleaning supplies and toilet paper are much needed items at Casa. The most important thing to bring is love and a willing spirit.

***Should I bring anything?***

YES. Bring your passport. You cannot leave the country without your passport. Also, please bring your own water and a snack. You are welcome to share in the lunch we provide for the kids.

***Can I bring my own children to the orphanage?***

Yes. All children are welcome but they should come knowing our purpose, which is to give the orphans of Casa a special day. We recommend that smaller children be left at home so you are free to give your attention to the kids of Casa.



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***Why are these kids in Casa and, are they adoptable?***

A large percentage of the children in Casa have a parent or family member who is unable to care for them. The kids are left at Casa for a specified length of time until family members are able to take them home. It is similar to our foster care system. The rest of the children have no family. For some, Casa is the only home they have ever known. Adopting a child from the orphanage is extremely difficult - although it is possible.

***What can I do to help the orphanage?***

First and foremost, you can pray for the safety, health, and well-being of the children of Casa. You can take a day and spend it with the kids. You can help support them by making donations of food, supplies, or cash to purchase needed items. In addition, if you are skilled in construction you may want to participate in building projects.

***How can I donate money towards this ministry and where does the money go?***

Any donations can be made through the CBC website or via checks to CBC. Please write "Casa de la Esperanza" in the memo section of your check. The money you give goes directly to the orphanage. With your monetary donations, our church gives \$100 a month for electricity and \$350 a month for school tuition and construction costs. The donations are also used for food, special outings (water park, zoo, skating, amusement park, etc.), Christmas and Easter gifts as well as craft and sport supplies. The money also goes to provide a 3 - 5 day camping trip each year for the children. This year we took 25 boys and girls to Punta Cabras for three days! The kids had a fabulous time. In 2006 - 2008 Chris Dyer (head of construction), and his team of volunteers built a new kitchen, sewing room, repaired all the roofs, repaired two bathrooms (one in the boys dorm), and completed shower areas. They are currently working on replacing the kitchen sink and roof repair. In the process the older boys learned how to cut tile along with learning carpentry and plumbing skills.