



# Amigos De Los Ninos

## December 2004

Dear Amigos De Los Ninos,

Friends of the Children has served as the name of our organization from the beginning. It began many years ago as a dream of Carl and Una Carpenter. Today, through your help this non-profit, Christian organization carries out the call to be "Friends of the Children" through our school in Frontera, Mexico.

I went to the ADLN School last month to see first hand the work of ADLN made possible by your giving. The dream lives on. I sat in the classroom with the children and watched as their teachers taught them simple facts like colors, numbers, and the abc's. I also saw the teachers teach the children English words for each new thing they were learning about. I heard the teachers teach the children about God's love. The four teachers (3 classroom teachers and one English teacher) of ADLN as making a huge difference in 70 lives each school year. The children leave our school and are excelling in the public schools as they enter first grade and beyond. They are regularly graduating at the top of the class as they attend public school.

In 2004, the ADLN School became officially incorporated and licensed by the Education Department in Mexico for Kindergarten and preschools. The school has been required to make some adjustments to maintain this accreditation. For example, our administrator and teachers have had to return to night school to be fully certified by the state. They have finished their classes and are fully licensed to teach in a pre-kindergarten environment. The teachers are excited about the new learning models and techniques they explored while in their classes. They will also have to regularly take continuing education classes to maintain certification. The school was also required to hire a part-time physical education teacher in 2005.

I also sat in the kitchen during lunch and saw the meal that was lovingly prepared for each child. They are getting two good meals a day from ADLN. The doctors on the medical mission trip in October 2004 remarked how much progress the children had made in the last few years. Regular meals and vitamins are making a huge difference in the health of the children.

Could you help the work of ADLN continue? Could you continue to give in 2005 as a sponsor of a child at \$30 a month? Could you consider making a one-time gift at the end of 2004 to help ADLN begin the 2005-year in good financial condition?

Please give. The dream of being the "Friends of the Children" lives on. **We currently have 22 sponsors and we have 75 children in the school. Can you help?**

Lynn Cook  
ADLN Board Member