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Dear Friends of City of Angels,

So much has happened since our last newsletter: another summer has passed, the kids are back in school, our numbers have increased by 10 children since last Fall and we have added new members to our staff.

### **End of Summer. Back to School**

We had a great time this summer with the many groups who came by to visit, work, and play. It was great to see so many new faces come to serve with us, as well as welcome back familiar faces and friends. The children love spending time with the groups and I know most of them were hoping the summer full of Vacation Bible Schools, soccer games and pizza parties would go on forever. However, the end of August marked an end to the constant stream of summer visitors and the beginning of another school year for the children of City of Angels. With 10 more kids this year than last, we now have a total of 43 children at the home, 32 of whom we take to school everyday.



We would like to send out a special thank you to two churches who blessed us by helping us cover our daunting back-to-school costs. Metro Church from Santa Monica, California covered tuitions, books, and school supplies. And Hillside Church in Wright Wood, California sponsored new uniforms and shoes for all the kids. Praise the Lord!

### **Staff Changes**

In March Alex and Lety decided to move on from their position as on-site directors of City of Angels. It was a big change considering their many years of service and they will be missed. Israel Martinez – who many of you know from our house building program – and his wife Maria Elena have taken over and are doing an excellent job. Israel has the unique advantage of being able to relate to the confusion and questions that fill the minds of our children due to his own childhood growing up in a nearby orphanage.

### **About Donations**

The fall season is traditionally very slow for us when it comes to donations. Some of you may remember last November's budget crisis when we only had a few hundred dollars in the bank and bills piling up. We are thankful to report that God saw us through that difficult time through help from friends like you. Now as we are once again in the Fall season we ask you to please continue to pray for us and consider how you can help. If you are able to make a contribution please fill out the enclosed slip and mail it in the envelope provided. All donations are tax deductible.

For all the children and staff at City of Angels,

*Sergio Gomez*

President and Founder