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God's Work in Tijuana

A few years ago, I really believed I had heard from God that we were supposed to start a children's home in Sinaloa. We already had an outreach base there, and I thought that we would then have outreach and a children's home in each of our locations. I took this idea to the board, and they all prayed and agreed this was the direction God had for us. We started sharing this vision, and money started coming in to buy land for our home.

But then a strange thing happened – we had all the money we needed but couldn't find land. We thought we had found the perfect property several times, but then it would fall through for different reasons. We kept praying and trusting that God had a plan.

Then Jill Smith, our Director of Mexico Operations, visited a shelter run by social services in Tijuana. She was deeply moved and disturbed by her experience there. This was

built to hold 150 children temporarily. The day she visited, over 200 children were living there. Some had been there for years. They were understaffed, overcapacity and the children were living in unfortunate and desperate circumstances. After that visit, Jill told me that she didn't think we should start a children's home in Sinaloa. Instead, we were supposed to start a children's home in Tijuana. I listened to her but just thought to myself, "No, we heard from God, and we are supposed to start a children's home in Sinaloa."

Shortly after this, we were headed for a visit to Sinaloa. We wanted to meet with the head of social services to see if they had ideas for where we could buy land. He told us that they didn't really need a children's home in Sinaloa in that meeting. Instead, we should focus our efforts on a border town like Tijuana, where there is more need. That felt like all the confirmation we needed.

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So after communicating with those who had donated money to purchase land in Sinaloa, we switched directions and started looking for a place we could use as a children's home in Tijuana. We already had our "TJ House," which was being used for university students, and felt that we should find another large house that could be used for children.

But God seems to reveal His plan to us in pieces. As Jill started to look for a house to use as a children's home, she kept finding apartment buildings. We had already talked about how we could restructure our program for university students to be more effective in helping them transition into adulthood. God then revealed to us the next part of His plan for Tijuana. We decided we would purchase an apartment building that could be used as transitional housing for our young adults while they studied at the university or started working. We could then remodel our "TJ House" and use that as a children's home for up to 20 girls.

Then Covid hit, and we were wondering at God's timing in revealing this plan. But God's timing is always perfect. All of the students were now studying online, so most of them returned to the mission bases. This gave us an empty house to begin remodeling for the children's home. It also gave us time to find the perfect apartment building to purchase and renovate before the students started trickling back for on-campus studies. I don't know how we would have done all of this without the hidden blessing of the students studying online. God truly can work all things for His good.

So that brings us to today. Our apartment building is getting close to being 100% ready. The students will resume on-campus studies in the fall, and the building will be almost at capacity. The TJ House is fully remodeled. We continue to wait on the paperwork to allow the government to begin putting girls into our home. Hopefully, by the time you read this, we have started to receive girls from the government shelter.

We have learned so much about trusting God and taking steps of obedience while He continues to reveal His plan. I can't wait until we tell you stories of transformed lives from this newest part of our ministry. Thank you for your prayers and support as we all set off on this adventure of faith together.

Janelle Keller
Executive Director



New Book Launch!

Our founder, Charla Pereau, along with Twila Belk, has written a new book!!

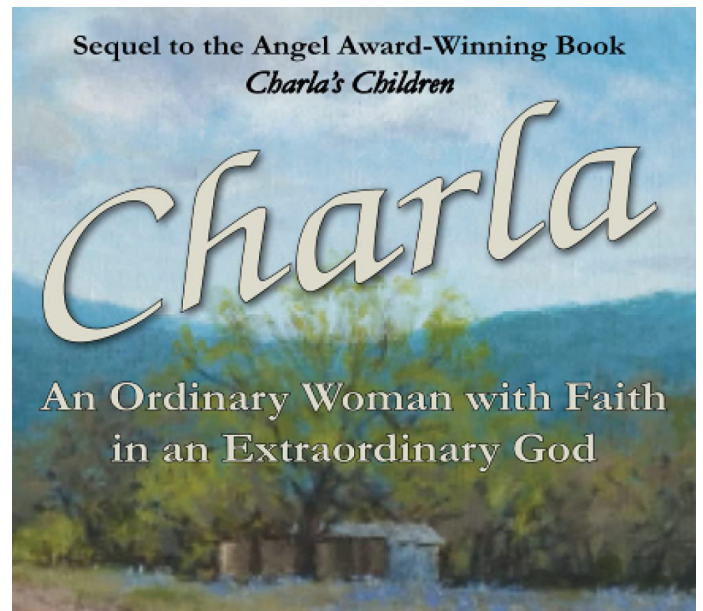
We are excited to announce that Charla's sequel is complete and available now on Amazon in paperback! An eBook version will also be available soon. A portion of the sale price will go directly to fund the operations of His Ministry.

We are excited to share new stories, lives and miracles surrounding FFHM in Mexico.

From the book:

*"At the age of 13, Charla Davis made a bold claim: "I want to do great things for God."
"What makes you think you can do anything for the God of the universe?" her father asked.
"You can start by making your bed," her mother said.*

Now, this ordinary woman with faith in an extraordinary God is simply known as Hermana Charla or

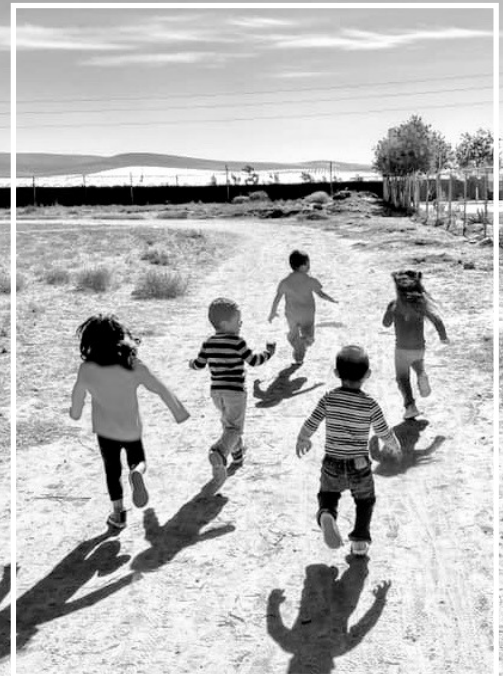


Mama Charla to countless people living south of the border.

The small children's home she founded in the 1960s has since evolved into a multifaceted mission touching the lives of orphaned, abandoned, impoverished, and disadvantaged individuals on the Baja Peninsula, the mainland of Mexico, and into the remote mountain regions of Oaxaca.

It all started with the unexpected adoption of a Zapotec baby.

We are so thankful for all the prayers and support. We hope you will enjoy this incredible book!





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