

Building Hope

for boys without families and families without homes!



Project Mexico
& St. Innocent Orphanage



Building Hope for Boys Without Families and Families Without Homes

www.projectmexico.org

**PROJECT MEXICO IS COMMITTED
TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE...
one family at a time, one child at a time!**

Launched in 1988 with only a vision and much determination, **Project Mexico** has been blessed with great progress.

- ▶ Over 200 homes have been built for the poor in Mexico.
- ▶ The ministry was expanded in 1996 with the opening of St. Innocent Orphanage for teenage boys.
- ▶ St. Innocent Orphanage was named one of the top three institutions in the State of Baja California for 2001.
- ▶ Over 10,000 volunteers have come to Mexico to build homes for the poor and assist with projects at the orphanage.

The work of **Project Mexico & St. Innocent Orphanage** answers *Christ's call to love our neighbor and care for those in need*. Although it is not possible to eliminate all the suffering and poverty in the world, Christ compels us to reach out to those we CAN help—and make a difference—one family or one boy at a time.



With the help of thousands of volunteers and individual supporters, we **HAVE** made a difference by reaching out to the needy in our neighboring country of Mexico and significantly impacting the lives of those who give as well as those who receive!



**PROJECT MEXICO BUILDS HOPE
FOR NEEDY FAMILIES...**
by giving them a home

Project Mexico's goal since 1988 has been to help struggling families make a better life for themselves by providing them with safe, secure, permanent homes.

Many families endure squalid conditions in dirt-floor shacks pieced together with cardboard, old tarps, and wooden pallets. With no protection from the elements, children and elderly often die during cold rain storms. The lack of security in their flimsy shacks makes them easy victims for thieves.



A Project Mexico home provides:

- A solid concrete floor
- Sturdy walls & weather tight roof
- Illuminating windows
- A secure locking door

***A QUANTUM LEAP
forward for impoverished
Mexican families
and hope for a
bright future!***



***“Pure and undefiled
religion in the sight
of God is this...
to care for orphans
and widows in their
distress...”***

(James 1:27)



PROJECT MEXICO BUILDS HOPE FOR ORPHANED TEENAGE BOYS... *by giving them a loving home*

St. Innocent Orphanage was founded in 1996 to *rescue orphaned and abandoned teenage boys* and give them a chance to live successful, productive lives. The boys receive a quality education, learn vocational skills, participate in sports, receive psychological counseling, and most importantly, are trained in the Orthodox Christian life.

All of this, plus a structured and loving environment, allow a miraculous transformation to occur. Instead of fending for themselves on the streets filled with crime, drugs, and prostitution, they now have the freedom to prepare for a bright future and to become givers, not takers!



PROJECT MEXICO GIVES HOPE TO ORTHODOX YOUTH... *by giving them a life-changing experience in service to others*

From the beginning, we wanted to bring our youth to do this work because we knew that in doing works of mercy, they would receive much more than they gave. Many lives have been profoundly affected as evidenced by the comments and letters from participants, parents, and clergy.

Thousands of volunteers from 49 U.S. states and 11 foreign countries have participated in home building and orphanage projects since 1988.

Project Mexico has trained and utilized nearly 50 missionaries serving one year or longer and close to 100 short-term interns.

Because of their experience at Project Mexico, many have become more involved in their home parishes, made career decisions, attended seminary, and entered the priesthood.



How CAN I HELP build hope?



You can make a difference!

Only an eagerness to help and a kind heart are needed.

We offer opportunities through:

- Work trips
- Internships
- Prayer teams
- Parish and community projects
- Santa's Helpers program
- 3-lesson Church School Curriculum
- Food, clothing and fund drives
- Vehicle Donation Program
- Monthly support Pledge Program

And many other opportunities!

Find out how **you** can help at
www.projectmexico.org or by calling 619.426.4610.

Project Mexico
& St. Innocent Orphanage



Building Hope for Boys Without Families and Families Without Homes

P.O. Box 120028 Chula Vista, California 91912-3128
t 619.426.4610 f 619.426.4619 e info@projectmexico.org
www.projectmexico.org

The Standing Conference of Canonical Orthodox Bishops in the Americas (SCOBA) has designated Project Mexico as one of its endorsed organizations. Project Mexico holds official non-profit status, i.e. 501(c)(3), in the U.S.