

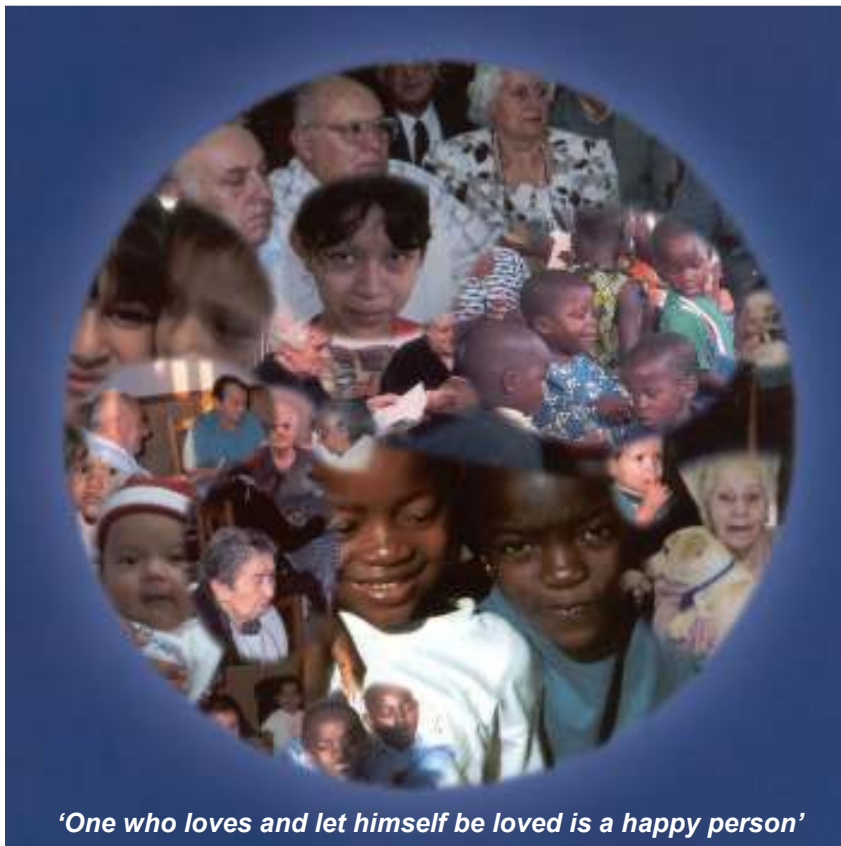


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## **Greetings**

*Many people are or have been members of the Great Family of « Messengers of Peace ». I wish to send them all a cordial salute and to those who for the first time are in contact with us I wish them my warmest welcome through these pages. I encourage all of you to know us and to cooperate in our work.*

*The work of our centres and our projects and the expansion of our activities in 40 countries all around the world have been possible thanks to the support, the trust, the solidarity and the generosity of people and institutions.*



*We try more often and more effectively every day to reach those who need us and especially those children who have no parents and those elderly people who have no family and, therefore, need more than anybody else great amounts of commitment, love and comprehension.*

*The worst misery is not feeling oneself loved, having both no one to love and nobody who loves you.*

*Let me express a wish: LOVE AND HAPPINESS so that this world may be more just and that needy and defenceless people may live with the dignity that everybody deserves.*



**‘ONE WHO LOVES AND LET HIMSELF BE LOVED  
IS A HAPPY PERSON’**

*Father Angel Garcia  
President and Founder  
Messengers of Peace Association*



**Messengers of Peace Association** is a **humanitarian organization** which seeks to fight poverty and to improve the situation of vulnerable people around the world. Founded in 1962 by Father Angel Garcia Rodriguez, it has grown and expanded to reach its present stage helping the most disadvantaged people in 40 countries worldwide.

Messengers of Peace Association has been awarded the **Prince of Asturias Prize** as well as many other awards.

We are committed to **work for people in need** - children, youngsters, teenage mothers and their babies, drug addicts, immigrant families, disabled people, elderly people, women who have no shelter or suffer from violence and anybody who lives in the street, or in a state of neglect and at social risk.

Messengers of Peace Association is an NGO with Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of United States.

We are **legally constituted in many countries** and work in partnership with local partners, such as Afghanistan, Algeria, Argentina, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Iraq, Iran, Ivory Coast, Jordan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Mozambique, Niger, Palestine, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Senegal, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uganda, Uruguay United States, Western Sahara, and Venezuela among others.

We are a **large family**:

- 45,500 children and young people have stayed in our dwelling homes.
- 7,950 elderly people have been assisted in our residential homes and centres.
- 3,500 volunteers work in the very many countries where we are present.
- 2,600 staff (92% of them women).
- Over two million of the neediest people in the world benefiting from our programmes.
- 32,600 collaborators are personally committed to participate in our activities and projects.

## Main Activities and Programs

### Child Assistance Programs

The purpose of these programmes is to protect and to attend the needs of **children at social risk** (physical or emotional violence, sexual abuse, children's work, mendicity, abandonment, neglect).

Assistance to vulnerable children was the origin of "Messengers of Peace" and still is one of our main activities in Spain as well as in other countries by applying the same criteria for action based on **respect for young people** and their circumstances and on the **importance of love and proximity** between children and educators or the persons in charge of the project.

Through several homes and with different means "Messengers of Peace" **welcome and support** children at social risk in order to help them in **their education** and in **their personal development** thus encouraging their full integration in the social world.

Children enjoying the benefits of the projects of "Messengers of Peace" belong to families in need of **special support** for various social and economic circumstances. Our Association provides them with resources to **alleviate material, educational or affective needs** of their environment or to welcome them whenever they have no **family framework** for whatever **temporary or permanent**, personal or social reason: orphans, abandon, non-structured families, non accompanied immigrants.



Day Care Centre



First Shelter



Dwelling home for children

Our organization is involved in several programs to promote children's rights and to prevent risk situations such as:

- ✓ Dwelling homes for children at risk.
- ✓ Dwelling homes for children affected by HIV / AIDS and/or serious physical or psychical disabilities.
- ✓ First Shelter Homes
- ✓ Day care centres.
- ✓ Nurseries.
- ✓ Motherhood support centres.
- ✓ Cot Centre
- ✓ After-School Program
- ✓ House of the Peace.

## *Youth care and promotion programmes*

Youth, as a very decisive stage in the education process, is very present in 'Messengers of Peace's' programs, projects and homes.

The aim of the programs of our Association focussed on **youngsters** is to help them in their **development and shaping their personality** or, whenever needed, to amend antisocial behaviour. Another important purpose is **professional education** so to allow young people to reach personal and economic autonomy.

All this is achieved through methods founded on enhancing and conveying values and keeping a **sincere and fluid communication** with young people.

Young people benefiting from our projects are mainly youngsters who in their childhood stayed in 'Messengers of Peace's' homes. These homes are adapted to the needs, the problems and the concerns of their age.

Other boys and girls in search of support for their basic needs or their professional education are also beneficiaries of the projects of "Messengers of Peace". Finally, our homes welcome youngsters who are entrusted by judges to us in order to **change their behaviour patterns**.

The homes and the programs which are provided to these young people by 'Messengers of Peace' are as follows:



Leisure Program



Dwelling home for teenage mothers

- ✓ Day care centres for young people at risk, focusing in their reinsertion.
- ✓ Dwelling homes for young people at risk.
- ✓ Dwelling homes for young handicapped people.
- ✓ Dwelling homes for young people with judicial ruling.
- ✓ Open Environment Educators.
- ✓ Therapeutic Communities for Drug Addicts.
- ✓ Occupational Centres for young disabled people.
- ✓ Residential Homes for Disabled People.
- ✓ Dwelling homes for social conflicting teenage.
- ✓ Personal Autonomy Dwelling homes for young people over 18 years old.
- ✓ Personal Autonomy Dwelling homes for young disabled people.
- ✓ Leisure and cultural programs for handicapped young people.
- ✓ Young mothers support centres and Dwelling homes for teenage mothers.
- ✓ Education and training programmes for young people at risk and Labour guidance service for young people.

## **Women Protection Program**

The education and the **social promotion** of women, their insertion and their **protection** – and their children’s as well – mainly in cases of **gender violence** -, is one important aspect of the Association “Messengers of Peace’s” activity both in Spain and in the rest of the world.



Educational Program

Violence at home has been usually ignored by society, often hidden by the victims and denied by the aggressors. Nonetheless, aggressions to women have actually become a social problem due to their incidence on our population and to the gravity of its **physical as well as psychological aftermaths for its victims**. Therefore, “Messengers of Peace” pays great attention to **professional adequate assistance to women and their children who have to tackle this problem**.



Workshop

Other projects our Association implement consist in **Centres for the reconciliation of work and family life** designed to provide daily work to **mothers and/or caretakers who** have no economic resources, endure social risk or **face unshared family charges**.



Refuge Centre

The programs and centres for women of “Messengers of Peace” are:

- ✓ Refuge Centre for abused women.
- ✓ Women Legal Assistance Service.
- ✓ GPS location phone service for abused women.
- ✓ Training and Labour Insertion.
- ✓ Therapeutic programs for men involved in domestic violence.

## *Family and adult-oriented programmes*

For ‘Messengers of Peace’ family is the society’s essential pillar. Either within the **traditional framework** or according to **modern patterns**, family as constituted by adults and minors living together with affective links and sharing means, resources and experiences is the adequate framework for the person’s self assurance and right development.



School for Mothers



Family Conciliation Activity



Weekend Meeting



Family Health Program

This is why we are developing projects and programs, some of them pioneers in Spain and in other countries, aiming at **fostering the reconciliation of labour obligations** with family’s care. They are also designed **to enhance common life** among the family’s various members and to favour the **full integration of neediest families** thus avoiding social and coexistence risks.

Activities and programs of support to families:

- ✓ Family conciliation Centres.
- ✓ Family weekend activities.
- ✓ Family Health Programmes.
- ✓ Mothers’ programmes.
- ✓ Assistance program to families of paraplegic disabled.
- ✓ Day Care Centre for people affected by addictive behaviours.

## *Elderly people-oriented programs*

Social and demographic reality in Spain shows that the Spanish population is rapidly getting old and that the **new assistance challenges and the social problems of elderly people**, especially solitude, abandonment, social exclusion and lack of resources are getting more and more flagrant.

“Messengers of Peace” runs more than **one hundred residential homes** for elderly people **in Spain and more than 10 homes in the rest of the world**. We are committed to enabling residents to enjoy life to the full as individuals in residential homes. We provide elderly people with **flexible and personalised care service** by offering several options according to the necessities of each person. Our mission is to provide them with an environment **full of warmth, love and security**.



Residential  
Homes



Every person is treated as an individual and is encouraged to develop himself. The **love and respect** we give to each person is just as we would like to receive ourselves. We strive to maintain a welcoming, secure and **supportive atmosphere**, within a comfortable 'home from home' environment.



Therapy and Leisure



Play Room



Rehabilitation

We aim to maintain our resident's interest in living while providing assistance with the things they can no longer do by themselves. **We believe quality of life means good food, interesting activities and a feeling of security and belonging**. We want everyone who lives with us to know and to be sure that we will look after them and we will not judge them for being frail. We remember that one day we too will grow old

Recently, special attention has been paid to **preventive, therapeutic and rehabilitating support** to elderly people during daytime through “**Daytime centres**”. In these centres autonomy is enhanced and elderly people’s life in their usual environment is favoured thus **delaying the deterioration of their abilities** and **giving support to their families** or to their caretakers.



Dining Room



Adapted Transport



Living Room

Therapeutic action and family relief are the more necessary in cases of elderly people suffering from **Alzheimer** who are provided with ‘**Specialised Day Centres**’ by our Association.

In addition, ‘Messengers of Peace’s’ ‘**Golden Telephone**’ Programme was established ten years ago, to provide assistance to elderly people who are sick, lonely and isolated.

**Volunteerism** is what makes our program possible. Volunteers receive **specialized training** on issues facing the elderly and learn how to link older adults with resources and programs that can help them continue having independent life. Our volunteers have a proven track record of providing critical **advice to elderly people**.

The program has a significant **impact on the mental health of participants**, particularly for those who have recent optical **disabilities**, women who **live alone** and those who have **little social contact**.



Golden Telephone Volunteer

We feel strongly that the telephone is very much underutilized when it comes to providing therapeutic services to people, yet it remains one of the most effective ways to reach people, especially elderly and others who may have **problems with mobility**. It is remarkable how quickly elderly people open up to our volunteers on the phone.

Golden Telephone Programme **works in Spain, Belgium, Italy and Cuba**.

In addition to all this, we have **other projects and programs** devoted to elderly people mainly **to improve their quality of life and to facilitate their full social integration**. Many of these projects are based upon **new technologies application to social action**.

**Main elderly people-oriented programs:**



Workshop



Cultural and leisure activities



Grandparents' Day Party



Grandparents' School



Intergenerational activities

- ✓ Residential Homes.
- ✓ Programmes focused on elderly people who live in rural areas.
- ✓ Residential Homes for elderly people who lives with disabled sons.
- ✓ Day Care Centres.
- ✓ Day Care Centres for people affected by Alzheimer.
- ✓ Social Assistance to families of people affected by Alzheimer.
- ✓ Residential Homes for Priests and Nuns.
- ✓ Accessibility Program (No urban or architectural barriers for elderly people).
- ✓ Web access Project for elderly People.
- ✓ Environment Program for elderly people.
- ✓ Dental Care Health programmes.
- ✓ Techno-Rescue Program.
- ✓ Video-Telephone assistance programme.
- ✓ Tele-medicine Project.
- ✓ Grandfathers' school.
- ✓ Art-Therapy for people affected by Alzheimer.
- ✓ Conferences and Cultural activities.
- ✓ Animal Assisted Therapy.
- ✓ Grandparents' Day Celebration.
- ✓ Solidarity on tour.
- ✓ Friendship Program focused on elderly people in Residential Homes.
- ✓ Laughing-Therapy Workshops in Residential Homes.
- ✓ Theatre at Residential Homes Program.
- ✓ No elderly person alone on Christmas Time Campaign.
- ✓ No elderly person alone on Summer Time Campaign.
- ✓ GOLDEN TELEPHONE PROGRAMME.

## **Other Activities and Programs: Education and Sensitisation**

### **Education**

- ✓ Training courses and workshops for Geriatric Professionals and assistants.
- ✓ Working oriented courses.
- ✓ Training courses for Home Keeper employers.
- ✓ High Course for Director of Social Assistance Residential Homes.
- ✓ Training courses for non professional Alzheimer's caregiver.
- ✓ Training courses for volunteers.



Adult Education



Training Course

### **Sensitisation Campaigns**

- ✓ Promoting Adoption Campaigns.
- ✓ Christmas Campaigns.
- ✓ Family Health Campaigns.
- ✓ Dental-Bus (Teeth Health Campaign).
- ✓ Euro for elderly people campaign.
- ✓ Road safety campaign.
- ✓ Toys Donation campaign.
- ✓ Grand Parents' Day Institutionalization.
- ✓ Programmes Partnership campaign.



Sensitisation Events



Christmas Campaign

## International Programs

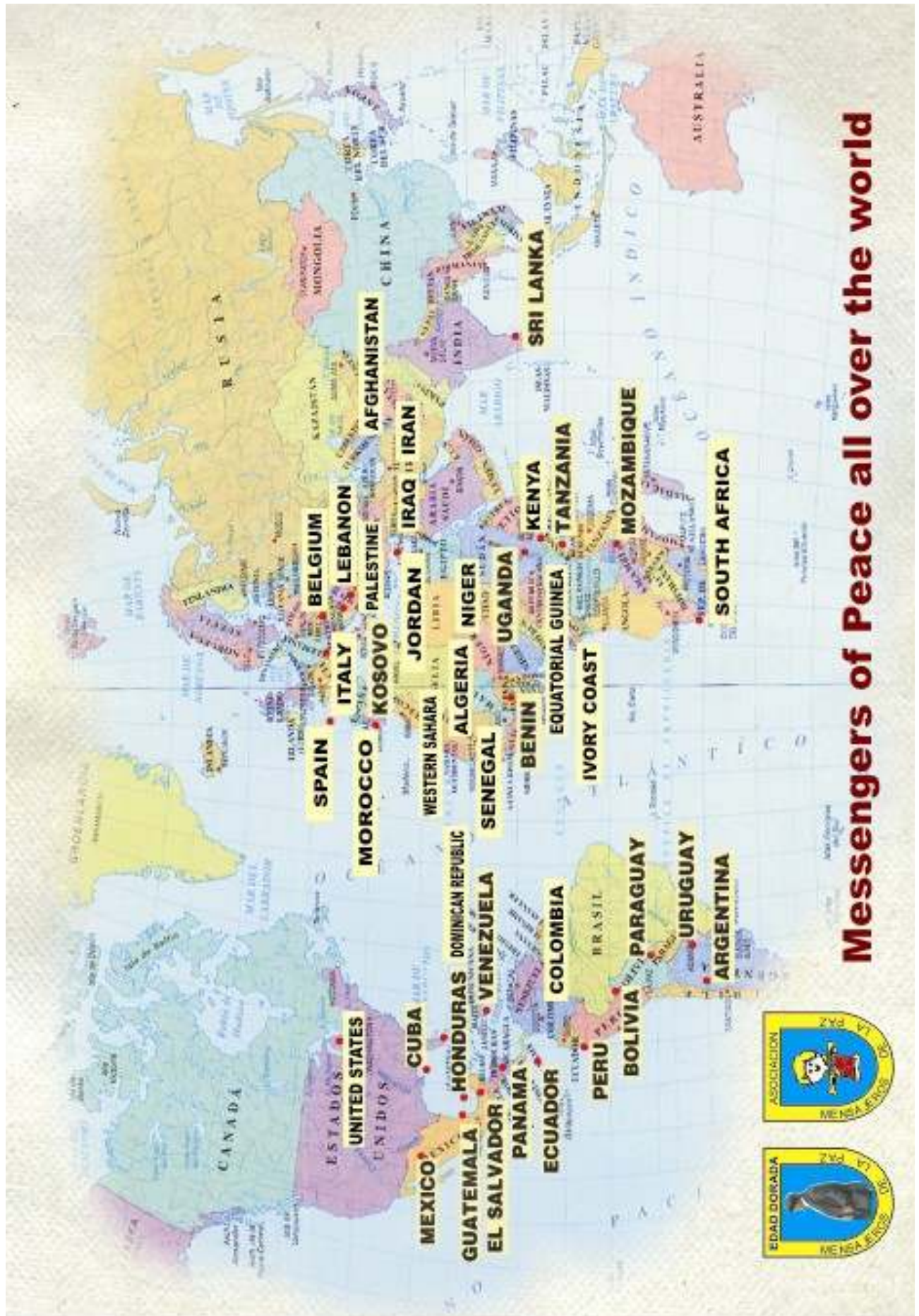
“Messengers of Peace” keep a permanent presence or conduct **operations in about 40 countries**. Essential support and back-up to its field operations is provided from its headquarters in Madrid, Spain. We work with communities, allied with local partner organizations, to offer **social assistance**, undertake long-term **co-operation for development** programmes and **emergency aid** to combat the effects of natural disasters, wars or humanitarian crisis.



Our main **areas of activity** in our international action are:

- **Social Centres:** Creation and maintenance of Residential homes for elderly people, Day Care Centres, Dwelling homes for children and young people, Community kitchens, social and cultural centres, integration programmes, etc.
- **Education:** Training courses and workshops for adult and young people, scholar assistance, reconstruction and equipment of schools, education campaigns among others.
- **Health:** Provision of equipment, support to improve the assistance to patients, and donations of medical materials and medicines to hospitals, support to medical investigations, health campaigns, assistance to injured people, to receive medical treatment, etc.
- **Infrastructures:** construction of wells, dikes, establish of electrical or hydro-sanitary infrastructures in rural areas or devastated zones, etc
- **Attention to people at social risk:** Care of orphans, children in the street, support to young mothers, elderly people in need, women, disabled people, refugees, victims of disasters, etc.
- **Social Sensitisation:** Health, Hygiene, and food safety information campaigns, support to communitarian leaders, cooperatives, etc..
- **Humanitarian Aid:** Providing of materials, medicines, food, medical vehicles, etc.





**Messengers of Peace all over the world**

## ÁFRICA

### Benin

- Dwelling home for young people at social risk situations in Cotonou.
- Day Care Centre for refugees and asylum-seeking children and young people in Cotonou.
- Provision of Equipment and Medical Material for a health centre for mothers in Sakkete.
- Midwife Training and provision of basic equipment to assist pregnant women in the rural areas.
- Refugee Centres and social integration program for exploited children (labour or sexual abuse ) in Cotonou.
- Health and nutrition safety programmes for Prisoners in Cotonou Civil Jail.
- Improvement of prisoners living conditions by providing training and improving the building's conditions, baths and bedrooms in the women's' and mothers' aisle in Cotonou Civil Jail.
- Reconstruction, enlargement and equipping of an old orphanage in Allada and creation of an educational program for the orphans in the Allada Centre.
- Food and medical Supplies for refugees affected by the "coup d'etat" in Togo (2004).
- Sewing training programme for refugee women.
- Donations of medicines, health equipment, ambulances, sewing machines, toys and school materials to charity organizations.
- Construction of a dike as well as ten wells in order to guarantee water supply in rural areas in Nattitingou.
- Collaboration on a Project aimed at establishing an electrical infrastructure in Fo-Bure town.
- Programme against child labour on quarries and support to local development in Tchatchengou area.



Orphanage in Allada



Refugees assistance



Birth room. Hospital in Sakkete



Sewing Workshop



Electrical infrastructure for rural areas



Hydatidosis Programme  
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Local Leaders Programme  
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HIV/AIDS Information speech  
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Project beneficiaries in Kaijado  
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## Kenya

- Community programme aimed to reduce the incidence of ablation in the population through education, awareness and mobilization of the communities in Laikipia.
- Control programme against hydatidosis in Turkana.
- Community Programme aimed to improve livestock management and hydro-sanitary conditions in the district of Turkana.
- Health awareness programme aimed at the prevention and control of endemic illnesses and the improvement of health conditions in rural areas.
- HIV Risk Reduction Project, including economy, food safety, health and nutrition in the district of Makueni.
- Child health improvement projects focused on children attending at school in the district of Kaijado.
- Community Programme aimed to improve food safety, nutrition and hydro-sanitary conditions in the district of Makueni.
- Community health improvement Programme aimed at improving population health care - prioritizing mothers and children- in the region of Mukogodo.
- Community Care Programme.
- Medical and therapeutic treatment in Spain for Children from Kenia.

## Republic of South Africa

- Health awareness programme aimed at improving the health conditions in the district of Elliot.
- Education and health improvement Project in the district of Ingwavuma.



Educational Programme



Health Programme

## Mozambique

- Malaria prevention and control programme in Inharrime.
- Programme aimed at improving agricultural and farm production as well as women status in the town of Malavele.
- Community programme aimed at training health service staff.



Agricultural improvement  
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Making mosquito nets in Inharrime  
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## Uganda

- Community Programme aimed at improving hydro-sanitary systems and health patterns in the schools of Kabale.
- Community Programme aimed at improving hydro-sanitary systems and health patterns in the district of Luwero.
- Community Programme aimed at improving hydro-sanitary systems in poorest neighbourhoods of III Parish of Makarere, Kampala.



Sport field to be remodelling



Earthquake damage in Alhucemas



Leaving Spain after receive medical treatment



Algerian girl on medical treatment



Medicines and food containers to Niger



National Hospital of Lamorde, Niamey

### **The Ivory Coast**

- Remodelling a sports field in order to be used by street children of the Marie Dominique Village and young people from the Koumassi sector.
- Purchasing of educational material for street children.

### **Algeria**

- Health care and medical treatment for Algerian children in Spain.

### **Western Sahara**

- Health care and medical treatment in Spain for children from Western Sahara.

### **Morocco**

- Dwelling homes for Children and young people in Tetuan.
- Food and cloth supplies for the victims of the earthquake in Alhucemas.

### **Equatorial Guinea**

- Medical and therapeutic treatment in Spain for Guinean Children.

### **Niger**

- Medicines and food supply for people in need to Maradi area.
- Programme aimed at improving assistance and equipment to the National Hospital of Lamorde, in Niamey.

### **Tanzania**

- Staff Health Training at health centres in rural areas.
- Vulnerable Children Care and Support Programme in the district of Mukoranga.

## **AMERICAS**

### **Panama**

- Luisa Mc-Granth dwelling home for young mothers.



Panama. Young mothers' dwelling home

### **Dominican Republic**

- Maintenance of a school and residential home for young orphan girls called Doña Chucha, Santo Domingo.



Dominican Rep. School-Home

### **Bolivia**

- Nutritional Rehabilitation Programme in Los Lotes neighbourhood, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra.
- Creation of dwelling mixed homes for young people at risk, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra.
- Training project in the Plan 3000 -Santa Cruz de la Sierra.



Bolivia. Nutritional support

### **Peru**

- Residential home for poor elderly people, in Lima.
- Creation and managing of dwelling mixed homes for young people at risk in Lima.
- Day Care Centre for needy young people and their families in Lima.
- Creation and maintenance of a psychological department to assist children and families at social risk in Lima.
- Assistance for victims of the earthquake in Pisco, Ica, and Chicha: Food, clothes, and medicines supplies and creation of a emergency communitarian Kitchen for children.



Peru. Residential home

### **Colombia**

- Medical and therapeutic treatment in Spain for Colombian Children.



Peru. Assistance to victims of the earthquake in Ica

## Ecuador

- Night shelter for street children in Cuenca.
- Youth Care Programme for young people at risk: Creation of Dwelling homes in Azuay, Cuenca and Azogues.
- Creation of a Farm-Home in Valle de Yunguilla for young people at risk.
- Mixed residence home for young people on street in Cuenca.
- Collaboration in the programme called “My right to live in a family” in Quito and Cuenca.
- Educational programme aimed at improving the quality of education and creation of a Child Protection System in Rio Jubones Valley.
- Training course for teachers focused on education of children and young people at social risk in Azulay.

## Paraguay

- Medicines and medical materials supplies for people affected by the fire in Asunción.
- Construction of a community kitchen and equipping a Bread Co-operative Industry at El Bañado District in Asunción.
- Donation of a Mobile Hospital to sanitary assistance to indigenous communities.

## Mexico

- Dwelling Mixed homes for young people at risk.
- "Help us not to end up in the street" campaign.
- Day Care Centre Programme for young people at risk.

## Uruguay

- Maintenance of an educational centre for children CAIF-SOEP and assistance to their families. Paso de la Arena, Montevideo.



Ecuador. Farm-Home for children



Ecuador. Children Care Centre



Paraguay. Medicines supply for burned people



Mexico. Campaign Presentation



Uruguay. Educational Centre

## El Salvador



New Houses in Tepecoyo



Dwelling Home, San Salvador

- Reconstruction of three ISNA Care Centres for children and young people in need, after 2000 and 2001 earthquakes.
- Cloth, food and social assistance supplies for victims of the earthquake in San Martin and Santa Tecla Victim's Camps.
- Reconstruction, enlargement and equipment of a residential home for elderly people in Izalco.
- Dwelling home for young people suffering from serious physical and psychological problems in San Salvador.
- Dwelling Home for children at risk in San Salvador.



Assistance to victims of earthquake,  
Santa Tecla



Computer Room. Virtual Library,  
San Salvador

- Construction and equipment of a residential home for elderly people in Atiquizaya.
- Awareness campaign promoting adoption of children with illnesses and disabilities.
- Construction of 40 houses in Tepecoyo.
- Construction of 29 houses in Guadalupe.
- Dwelling Home for children affected by HIV/AIDS in San Martin.
- Dwelling Home for young mothers at risk in San Martin.



Residential home, Atiquizaya



Community based magazine  
in Santa María de Otsuma

- Workshops to reinforce child and young people rights and prevent violence against them.
- Creation and Equipping of a Virtual Library in San Salvador.
- Reconstruction, enlargement and equipping of a residential home for elderly people in San Juan de Opico.
- Reconstruction, enlargement and equipping of a residential home for elderly people in El Amatal.
- Creation of a Community based magazine in Santa María de Otsuma.
- Programme aimed at reinforcement to social citizenship in collaboration with Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas.
- Donation of equipping (furniture) of a residential home for elderly people.
- Medical and therapeutic treatment in Spain for children from El Salvador.



Reconstruction activities,  
Residential Home in El Amatal



Residential home in Izalco

### **Cuba**

- Creation and Maintenance of “Golden Telephone” Programme.

### **USA (Miami, Florida)**

- Fundraising by charity fairs, cultural activities and social events, to give support or collaboration to many social indicatives and institutions for children in need in USA and some countries in Central and South America.



Charity event. Miami (Florida), USA



Humanitarian Aid for Argentina (2002)



Community kitchen.  
Los Pozitos, Tucumán



Community Centre.  
San Miguel de Tucumán



Day Care Centre for Elderly People.  
Buenos Aires City

## Argentina

- Creation and maintenance of a Social Centre which provides services such as food, education, training, health control, sports and leisure activities for disadvantaged people -children, young, and adult population, in San Miguel de Tucumán.
- Medicines and food supply for people in need.
- Residential home for people without resources in Buenos Aires.
- Creation, equipping and maintenance for a Social Centre Which provides services such as workshops, scholar reinforce, and nutritional supply for people without resources in Buenos Aires City.
- Solidarity barter Centre in Buenos Aires.
- Maintenance and management of a Residential home for elderly priests and bishops.
- Creation and maintenance of Community kitchens in Buenos Aires, Tucumán, Entre Rios and Misiones.
- Improving and Equipping the Hospital Nuestra Señora de las Mercedes in San Miguel de Tucumán.
- Donation of medicines and medical materials to Hospital del Niño in San Miguel de Tucumán.
- Creation and Maintenance of a Day Care Centre for Elderly People in Buenos Aires.
- Dwelling home for young mothers at risk in Longchamps, Province of Buenos Aires.
- Dwelling Home for children aged from 3 to 12 years old in Buenos Aires City.
- Humanitarian aid for floods' victims in Santa Fe.

## ASIA, MIDDLE EAST

### Iraq

- Provision of food, basic goods, and toys for Muslims and Christians Charity organizations and Social Centres.
- Provision of medicines, medical equipments, to Iraqi Children's Hospitals in Baghdad and Basra.
- Donation of vehicles for health centres and school service use in Baghdad and Basra.
- Reconstruction and equipping medical and social centres and financing and equipping of 3 public medical dispensaries in Baghdad: Chaldean Catholic Patriarchal See of Babylon, the Omar el Muktar mosque and the Father Pio Social Work.
- Creation and maintenance of educational centres for children (disabled, orphans), in Baghdad and Erbil.
- Creation and Maintenance of the Solidarity Golden Telephone Service.
- Therapeutic and holiday camps programmes for Iraqi children in Spain.
- Health care and treatment in Spain for 300 Iraqi children and over 90 adults .
- Emergency techniques training for Iraqi doctors in Spain.



Damaged Iraqi children travelling to Spain for medical treatment



Dwelling home for orphans in Erbil



Centre for Disabled Children in Baghdad



Training for Iraqi Doctors in Spain



Humanitarian Aid arriving to Um Qasr (Basra Harbour)



Gaza City. Social Centre after bombing



Jerusalem, Meeting with  
HB The Latin Patriarch



Jerusalem, Asylum for mentally  
disabled people

**Palestine**  
**(Gaza Strip, West Bank, and Jerusalem)**

- Provision of medicines, food and basic goods to Gaza City after Israel attack (2009).
- Support on reconstruction of Social Care Centres in Gaza.
- Social Assistance and donations to Palestine refugees in some countries of Middle East.
- Assistance for Palestinian children injured at war that travel to Spain to receive medical treatment.
- Collaboration on Maintenance of a social centre for children called “Holly Child”, Bethlehem.
- Collaboration on Maintenance of a social and health centres belonging to Latin and Orthodox Patriarch, Old City, Jerusalem.



Bam, Iran. School for girls

**Iran**

- Provision of food, cloth, medicines and medical material for victims of the earthquake in Bam.
- Construction and equipping of a school for young girls affected by the earthquake in Bam.
- Cultural and leisure travel to Spain for Children who were victims of the earthquake.



Madrid, Iranian Children from Bam  
visited by HM The Queen of Spain

## Jordan

- Assistance for Iraqi children travelling to Spain to receive medical treatment.
- Food and basic goods supply for people in need.
- Donation of a health vehicle to provide medical service to Berber population on the Jordan desert.
- Scholarship for young people without resources.
- Training programme on sewing for young women and widows in poverty.
- Health care campaign for poor people provided by volunteer doctors.
- Donation of cloth, food and medicines campaigns.
- Food and health assistance for 300 Iraqi refugees in Jordan
- Day care Centre for elderly People in Amman.



Donation of food and medicines. Amman



Afghan boy in a Spanish hospital

## Afghanistan

- Assistance for afghan children who travel to Spain to receive medical treatment.

## Lebanon

- Provision of medicines, medical and surgery equipment, food, and basic goods, clothes and toys to war victims (2006) in the south of Beirut and Bekaa Valley
- Social Assistance and donation of ambulances to Palestinian refugees in Lebanon.
- Donation of 15,000 toys to several child's hospitals, and educative and social centres all over the country.
- Assistance for Lebanese and Palestinian refugees children injured at war who travel to Spain to receive medical treatment.



Orphans school, Beirut



Assistance for victims after bombing attack, Beirut

## Sri Lanka



Medical assistance for the tsunami victims.  
Galle, Sri Lanka



Delivering medicines and food supplies,  
Galle, Sri Lanka

- Provision of food, medicines, medical assistance and equipments as well as systems to make drinkable water, and logistic workers and volunteers doctors for the victims of the tsunami in Galle, Sri Lanka.
- Creation and Maintenance of the Golden Telephone Program in order to provide support in case of emergencies and to find missing people after tsunami, in Galle Sri Lanka.
- Provision of food, social and medical assistance in refugee camps created after the tsunami in Galle, Sri Lanka.



Scholar equipment supply  
Dumi, Sri Lanka



Installing systems to make drinkable water  
Galle, Sri Lanka

- Provision of scholar equipment, books, stationary as well as medical assistance for the students, in rural schools damaged by the tsunami South of Sri Lanka.
- Creation and maintenance of 12 community kitchens for 1.500 children in Galle, Sri Lanka.
- Reconstruction and equipping of 2 schools (one of them specialized in disabled children), Galle, Sri Lanka.



Rehabilitation of the electrical system  
Istuk, Kosovo



Staff and volunteers in Bruxelles



Christmas lunch for elderly people, Rome



Golden Telephone Headquarters, Rome

## EUROPE

### Kosovo (Serb)

- Kosovar refugees travelling to Spain in order to receive assistance during Balkan War and provision of medicines, food and basic goods to war victims.
- Rehabilitation of the electrical infrastructure program, Istuk area.

### Brussels (Belgium)

- Creation and Maintenance to the Golden Telephone Program.
- Assistance service for elderly people: psychological support, legal advice and social assistance, and leisure and cultural activities.
- Help-desk for young Spanish students in Brussels.

### Rome (Italy)

- Creation and Maintenance of the Golden Telephone Program.
- Legal, psychological and medical advice to elderly people in need.
- Training courses for volunteers.
- Accompaniment service program at home to elderly people in need who lives alone.
- Accompaniment service program out of home to elderly people with problems of personal autonomy that need to go to doctors, hospitals, or public offices.
- Fundraising campaigns to help disadvantaged people.

**MESSENGER OF PEACE PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:**



- **Consultative Status (Special Category) with the Economic and Social Council of United Nations (ECOSOC),**
- U.I.P.E. (Unión Internacional de Protección a la Infancia)  
*International Union to Childhood Shelter*
- Coordinadora de ONG para el Desarrollo de España –  
*Spanish NGO Federation for Development*
- Plataforma del Voluntariado de España - *Volunteer Platform of Spain*
- U.N.A.F. (Unión Nacional de Asociaciones Familiares)-  
*National Union of Family Associations*
- P.O.I. (Plataforma de Organizaciones de la Infancia)  
*Platform of Childhood Organizations*
- CEBS (Comité Español para el Bienestar Social) - *Spanish Committee for Social Welfare*
- Confederación de Entidades de Voluntariado de la Comunidad de Madrid –  
*Federation of Volunteer Organizations of Madrid*
- Foro Unidos por la Infancia – *United for Children Forum*
- CEOMA (Confederación Española de Organizaciones de Mayores)  
*Spanish Federation of Seniors Organizations*
- CAJUMA (Confederación de Asociaciones de Jubilados, Pensionistas y Mayores)  
*Federation of Pensioners and elderly people*
- Comité Ejecutivo Nacional de la Fundación Independiente –  
*Member of the Executive Committee of Independent Foundation, and*
- Alianza Española Contra la Pobreza – *Spanish Alliance against Poverty, among others.*

## **SOME PRIZES AND AWARDS OBTAINED BY MESSENGERS OF PEACE ASSOCIATION AND BY ITS FOUNDER, FATHER ANGEL GARCIA**

- Prince of Asturias Prize,
- Great Gold Cross of the Civil Order of Social Solidarity,
- ‘50th Anniversary of IMSERSO’ Special Prize,
- Golden Cross of Solidarity of the Ministry of Social Affairs,
- ‘Alleanza Mondiale per la Peace’ Prize. Italy,
- Medal received at the Ministry of Youth,
- ‘IMSERSO’ Prize for the campaign: ‘You will love him more than your own child’,
- ‘Man’ Prize,
- ‘Tonetti’ Prize for Humanitarian Work,
- ‘Manzana de Oro’ Prize,
- ‘Quijote de la Mancha’ Prize,
- ‘Ceuta City’ Prize,
- ‘Canoa Solidarity’ Prize,
- ‘El Comercio’ Newspaper Prize,
- Gratefulness Diploma from the People and Government of El Salvador,
- Smile Promotion Prize from Official Dentist Council of Spain
- Senior Management Gold Forum Master,
- Golden Medal of the European Promotion Association,
- ‘Estrellas Costa del Sol’ Prize,



- ‘Unión FENOSA’ Solidarity Prize,
- ‘Silver Caravel’ Prize, Latin-American Press Association,
- ‘Celebrity of 2003’ Prize, International Media Club,
- ‘Tertulia XV’ Solidarity Prize,
- ‘Haba de Oro’ Prize,
- ‘Golden Star’ Prize to Humanitarian Work (Mass Media Club),
- ‘Cándido Foundation’ Prize for Social Work,
- ‘Children’s Ombudsman’ Prize (Children Assistance Best Project) Government of Madrid,
- ‘Humanitarian Action’ Prize, (Spanish Association for Culture and Good Behaviour),
- Distinguished Visitor Diploma (Parliament of Buenos Aires, Argentina),
- ‘Universal Spanish’ Prize 2005,
- ‘Universal Asturian’ Prize 2005,
- ‘La Vaguada Net Solidarity’ Award,
- CECOMA Prize for Social Integration,
- “FEDETO” Prize (Federation of Businessmen of Toledo),
- Distinguished Visitor Diploma (Government of City of Miami, USA)
- ‘ASTURCÓN 2006’ Prize,
- ‘UNICEM’ Prize (Regional Union of Businessman in the East of Madrid),



- ‘MAPFRE Foundation’ Prize 2006,
- Favorite Son (‘Hijo Predilecto’) of Oviedo City,
- ‘Rafael Del Riego for Freedoms’ International Price,
- Honored ‘Vaqueiro’, 2007,
- ‘Citizen 2007’ Prize,
- Human Behaviour Prize (Col. Jesuitas, Burgos)
- ‘Mano a Mano’ Special Prize (Iberia Air Lines NGO),
- ‘Madrid Prize to a whole life’ (MadridDiario Newspaper),
- ‘Silver Little Bird’ Special Price (AEFJ, Association of Spanish Toy Manufacturers),
- ‘Honoured Whaler’, of Fuentidueña de Tajo City Council (Madrid),
- ‘Stairway of Success Foundation’ Prize to Human Effort 2008,
- ‘Child Assistance Foundation Prize’, 2008 Fundación para la Atención a Menores (FAM),
- Honoured Member of ‘The Iraq Society’ Washington,
- ‘Exemplary Spanish’ Prize, 2009 (Federation of Cultural Associations of Catalonia),
- ‘ACENOMA’ Prize 2009 to Human Behaviour (Regional Union of Businessman in the North of Madrid).



## **GARCÍA RODRÍGUEZ, FATHER ÁNGEL (Biography)**



*Father Angel Garcia Rodriguez was born in the city of Mieres, Asturias (Spain) on March 11, 1937.*

*After being ordained priest, he started giving spiritual assistance in an orphanage in Oviedo. He developed an intense activity for the benefit of children who lived there cooperating in different choirs at the orphanage.*

*In addition to the different responsibilities he was entrusted with, he started working intensely with children at risk.*

*This led him to create Mensajeros de la Paz (Messengers of Peace) and to implement a huge charitable work to assist children and young people by providing them with protection, food, education, shelter, health care and spiritual education.*

*While working to improve the living conditions of children at risk, he also started taking care of elderly people. In order to provide better services to them, he founded Edad Dorada (Golden Age Association).*

*Father Angel has always showed his concern for the neediest ones by providing assistance to children and to the elders, the sick and the handicapped.*

*Through the years, Messengers of Peace led by Father Angel expanded its activities to America, Africa and Asia. This expansion was conceived in order to help, protect and take care of people that are victims of conflict and disaster and those who need assistance because of other circumstances. The aid is intended to go directly to those in need, irrespective of race, religion or political convictions.*

*Today Messenger of Peace is present in 4 continents to contribute to combat poverty worldwide in all its forms and to eliminate its causes. Father Angel has been promoting and participating in each of the actions developed by the organization.*

*Father Angel has been honoured with the Prince of Asturias Prize as well as many other awards around the world.*

*Currently, he is the Director of the “Claro Oscuro” Magazine, Mozárabe Chaplain of Toledo, Master Chaplain of the Order of Malta and a Knight of the Constantine Order of Jerusalem, Honoured Member of Carlos III Foundation, Favourite Son of The City of Oviedo, and Regional Secretary for Europe of the Latin-American Federation of Elderly People Associations.*

*He is popularly known as "Father Angel from Messengers of Peace", the father of children living in misery, sickness and poverty.*