

**Letter from James Hubbell,** December 2, 2002

2002 was an interesting year. I am hoping that we will be able to build again this year. The school very much needs more classrooms and a permanent dance studio.

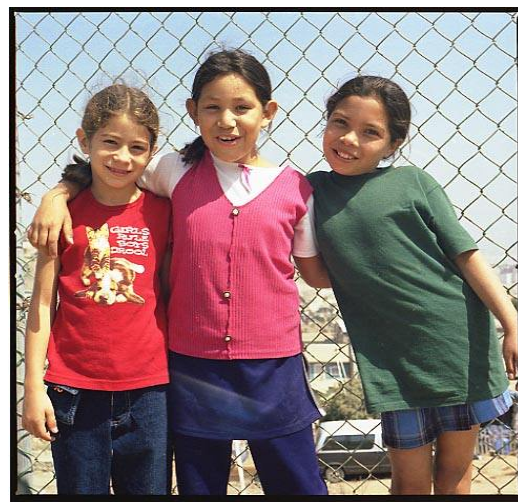
I have been looking for two people that could commit to coming with us on Volunteer Days.

Delia Reyes passed away. For the past ten years she has come and worked with the young children and mothers doing art classes, being our heart connection to their world and helping with the communication. She left a huge hole.

Bill Roley, our garden and permaculture expert, is now Director of the Permaculture Institute of Southern California. He can still be our advisor, but will not be able to come regularly. If we are to invigorate the garden program, we very much need one or two people to be that regular connection to the growing world so we can build an ongoing program.

I have been so amazed at having Valery and Tatiana teaching ballet to all the children, to have two gifted teachers from the Kirov Ballet in St. Petersburg, Russia. It is going on now for four years. I wish every school had them.

We are hoping to find a way to sponsor their salaries and to get a version of the ballet they produced last year with the children, of The Little Prince, on the road. At least to Ensenada and Mexicali, possibly to the U.S. Is there anyone that can help me doing this? It would be a great assistance.



**I have a feeling that children at Colegio La Esperanza will make a difference in the world.**



## New Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

The airing of Marianne Gerdes's Public Television documentary on James Hubbell and and Tim O'Reilly's November, 2002 Vision Magazine article, "City of Children", have spurred an onslaught of weekend warriors (construction volunteers) interested in helping Jim work on the La Esperanza schools in Tijuana. It's a bit overwhelming when 50 people show up and all need directions at once. It also requires expenditure on building materials of around \$10 per day per person.



*Second Grader Priscila Martinez*

We are presently looking for up to three volunteers to help coordinate activities and materials and guide the construction volunteers on the work Saturdays. There are a minimum of twelve

dates per year that can be divided among the volunteer coordinators.

Before each work Saturday, the designated volunteer coordinator would need to visit the school and consult with Christine and James about work planned, division of labor and materials needed. On the work Saturday itself, the coordinator could help meet the volunteers at the H St. trolley parking lot in Chula Vista, CA, give them a brief orientation, collect address information, accompany the volunteers to the schools, help delegate activities at the schools and of course encourage donations and student sponsorship.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer coordinator should contact Jim Hubbell at (760) 765-3427 or Christine Brady at [christine@americasfoundation.net](mailto:christine@americasfoundation.net). Below is a letter from James addressing the need for a Volunteer Coordinator.