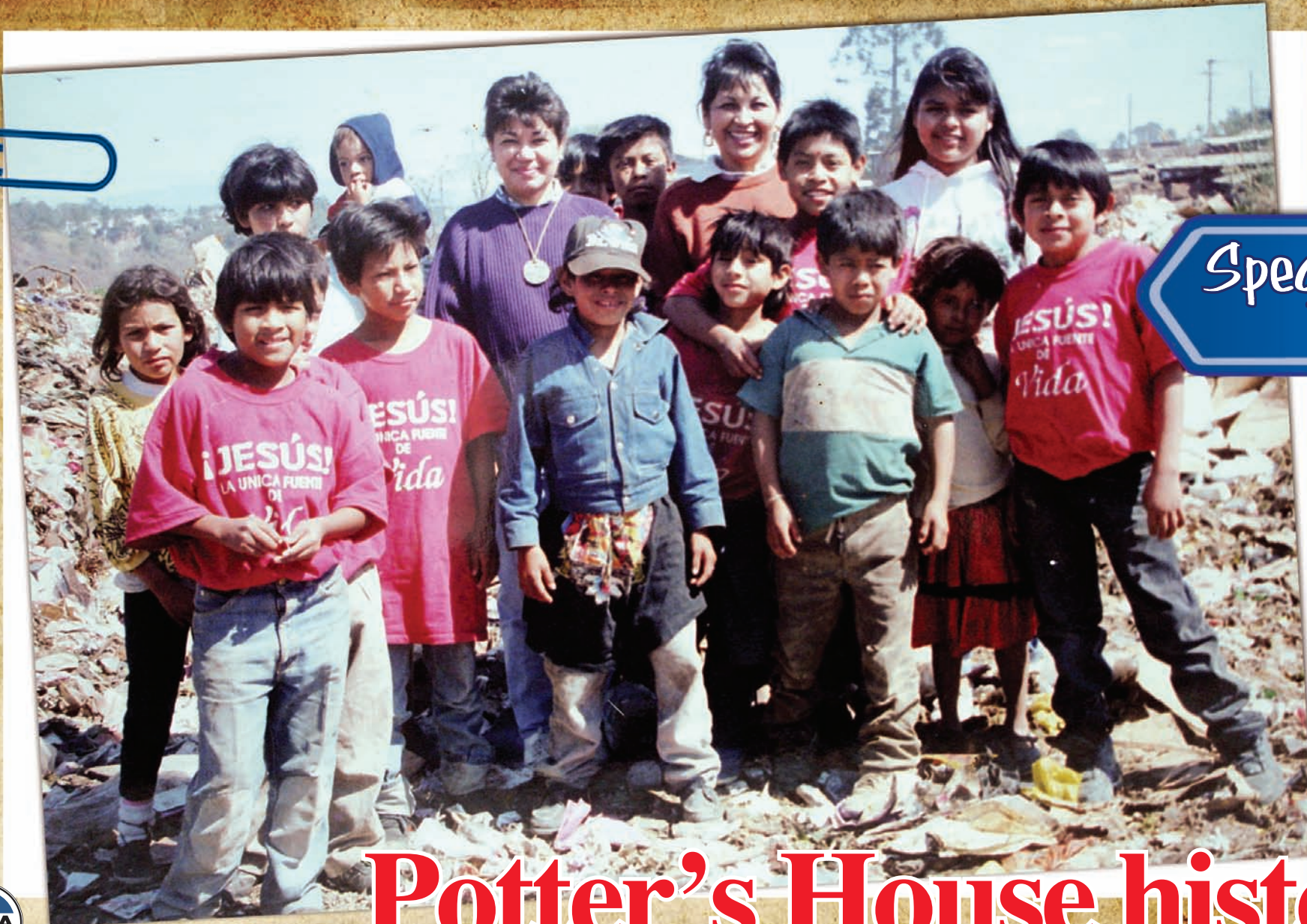




Potter's House
Association International
"Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

December, 1986 - It all started by doing a favor



Special Edition

Lisbeth (purple sweater) and Gladys (red sweater) with some of our Treasures inside the Garbage Dump



Potter's House history

It all started by doing a favor

Dear friend,

Thousands of people were surrounded by heaps of trash, children were playing in the filth, adults and children were both sniffing glue and eating scraps of food... this was the reality of the Guatemala City garbage dump 25 years ago. What was the hope for these people? God had an idea and He had a plan that would eventually involve you and many others.

Twenty five years ago Gladys Acuña and Lisbeth Piedrasanta were asked to do a favor- go down to what was considered one of the most dangerous places in Guatemala City on Christmas morning and distribute blankets to the scavengers, all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Going into the garbage dump is a life changing experience; the stench, the filth and the misery are almost palpable and the reaction Gladys had when confronted with this reality was "I am doing a favor, but this is a one time visit, and after this, I am never coming back"

It is obvious that God's plan was for Gladys to continue serving the scavengers and because of her obedience to His calling Potter's House was born, and the lives of hundreds, if not thousands of Treasures have been transformed.

Since that time formal communities have been established outside the walls of the garbage dump, each with its own leadership, structure and relationship with God. Parents are now starting to see education as a priority. Hundreds have started small businesses and no longer rely on the garbage as a means to live. It truly is a different place than it was 25 years ago.

Many have joined in this journey towards transformation and the fight to overcome poverty. Without God's divine intervention and your support none of these transformations would have been possible.

During this 25th year of continued service we invite you to join us in celebrating God's mighty acts in the lives of the Treasures. You are a part of our history and we look forward to continuing to transform lives in 2011!

Blessings from Potter's House,



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