



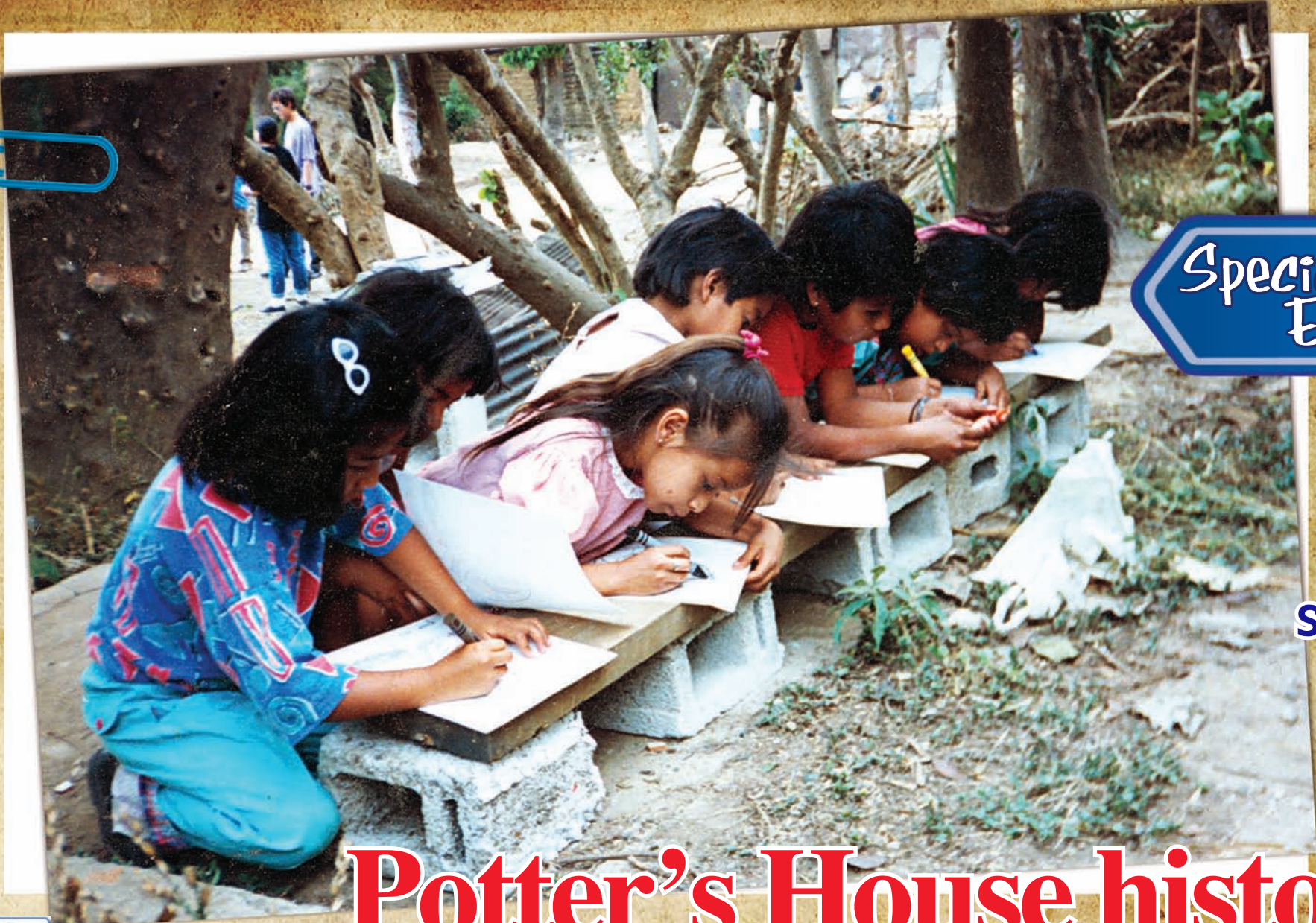
**Potter's House**  
Association International  
"Valuing the Scavengers as Treasures"

December, 1986 - It all started  
by doing a favor

January, 1989  
Kids Bible Club



Kids receiving a Bible lesson at Potter's House land. At the beginning, Potter's House didn't have facilities to host the children.



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# Potter's House history



# Kids Bible Club: The beginning for a better future

It was 1989, and every Saturday starting at 9:00 in the morning, about 50 scavenger children met to learn about Jesus from Gladys Guitz, Lisbeth Piedrasanta and seven volunteers. This was the first Potter's House program. This is the story of Heidy Tepeu, one of the children that participated in the Kids Bible Club 22 years ago.

"I used to be a scavenger; my brothers and I would scavenge in the dump and then sell what we found to buy bits of food. I was 7 years old when I started to leave the dump for a few precious hours to attend those Bible Club meetings. Those were unforgettable Saturdays, because we felt loved in a very special way". Says Heidy.

Saturdays were her favorite. Heidy still remembers the dramas, crafts, and Bible lessons she enjoyed back then. "My favorite Bible lesson from the Bible Club is about Moses raising his staff to part the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross on dry land," she says.

"One day, a person came dressed as a robot; other times there were clowns. Imagine how we felt, knowing that those clowns came just to entertain us," recalls Heidy. "We often did a craft while we listened to the Bible lesson. We painted, cut and pasted. And there was usually a time for group contests when everyone did their best so their team could win. At the end of the meeting, we got a snack, which everyone loved!"

"I was 13 years old when my mother passed away. Her loss created a huge void in all of us, but the Potter's House volunteers embraced us during that very difficult time. They taught us to rely on the Lord for comfort. I remember Psalm 27:10, that verse gave us the comfort we needed: Even if my father and mother abandon me, the LORD will hold me close." Says Heidy.

Heidy's behaviour and the behaviour of her brothers gradually improved. Every part of her experience at Potter's House prepared her for the glorious moment that defined Heidy's eternity.

She recalls that moment at a youth retreat: "I was invited to ask Jesus to live in my heart, and I gave my life to Him in gratitude on September 17, 1994."



Today, Heidy, Edgar and their children.

Heidy is now 30 years old and the mother of three children. She met her husband, Edgar, when they were children at Potter's House. They have tried to be careful and responsible in raising their three children. "I make sure they have the clothes and shoes they need, and we want them to have the best education we can give them. Most importantly, my children know about God and they are loved. I know how important that is, and I don't want them to endure the feelings of worthlessness and abandonment I faced. They are my Treasures," she says.

Heidy's life is a testimony to work Potter's House has been doing among the Treasures for 25 years. She remains thankful for what Potter's House did for her, and all three of her children are now participating in our education and nutrition programs, which they really enjoy.

Edgar & Gladys  
Directors

"Start children off on the way they should go,  
and even when they are old they will not turn from it."  
Proverbs 22:6

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