



**LIGHTSHINE: Providing Training,  
Tools & Service to People &  
Institutions who Care for ORPHANS.**

**Paul Eklund, Director (May 2018)**

**Behave as if what you do makes a difference. It does.** - *William James*



“DIF” is the acronym for the ‘Child Protective Service’ of Baja, Mexico, which oversees care of vulnerable, damaged children in 80 orphanages in northern (Baja) Mexico. Lightshine & DIF are co-sponsoring training for 300 of those who provide care for the orphans.

April 27, Paul and DIF Director Alejandrina Corral met in Mexico to plan details for a 2018 partnership. **Our theme- Healing of Abused & Neglected KIDS!**

*Above: Paul with DIF President Brenda Ruacho (center) & DIF Director Alejandrina Corral (right) - Pictured at a Celebration of the DAY of THE CHILD (Mexicali)*

**May I share our 2018 vision with you (and how you can make a BIG difference)?!!**

We believe that helping vulnerable children in far-away countries is important.... Important to God (and most vital to the abandoned children). People feel compassionate, but powerless. They want to help, but can’t speak the language & can’t visit the kids. We provide a reliable BRIDGE!

Lightshine is one of many fine groups helping kids in 3<sup>rd</sup> World Countries. **Our niche is unique:** We partner with people who are in charge of caring for abandoned kids and help them succeed. Lightshine is providing an expert on ‘Emotional Healing of Neglect’ (Dr. Niels Rygaard ,Denmark) & an expert (ER physician) on ‘Recognizing & Preventing Child Abuse’ (Dr. Rafael Gonzalez).

In addition to 300 attendees from Mexico, we hope to host other Latin American representatives. The conference in Mexico is but part of building a network of relationships to help damaged kids.

Please invest with us now! DIF is doing its part ( with: facilities, registration, logistical support). Lightshine’s commitments are:

1. All costs for both speakers (travel from Denmark/USA to Mexico, lodging, fees, etc)
2. Planning & Set-up (translation of materials/speakers; coordination of program details)
3. Expense of two ‘part-time employees’ in Mexico (to organize, serve as liaisons)
4. The expense of attendance by participants from Guatemala, Peru, other Latin Countries.

**“Let your Light Shine before men, so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven”** Matthew 5:16; *He who is faithful in a little thing will be faithful in much!* (Luke 16:10)

**HOW TO HELP???** Mail in the next page (or go to: [www.mylightshine.com](http://www.mylightshine.com))



Pictured with Grisela and Paul is **Alejandrina Corral**, who is the Director of Education and Training for DIF (Desarollo Integral de la Familia), the “CPS” (Child Protection Service) for Baja, Mexico. Alejandrina and Paul also met with the President of DIF (Hon. Brenda Ruacho de Vega) who is also the ‘First Lady’ (Governor’s wife) of Baja California Norte.

On April 27, Lightshine and DIF finalized a partnership to improve the quality of caregiving in orphanages in Mexico. Paul and Grisela make frequent trips to Mexico to meet with DIF, to visit orphanages and consult with local caregivers, and to plan and carry out training. We are targeting mental health therapists, child protection workers, and staff from more than 80 orphanages in Mexico. DIF plans to send a representative to Seattle this summer. The focal point of the 2018 training regimen is a conference in Tijuana, featuring child psychologist Dr. Niels Rygaard.

**YOU CAN HELP TO CHANGE THE LIVES OF ABANDONED AND ABUSED CHILDREN IN MEXICO**

We need your help! (Below are SPECIFIC WAYS which you can make a difference!)

- I would like to support the ongoing training and education for the caregivers for orphaned kids in Mexico. Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards Lightshine’s goal of \$20,000 (2018)
- I would like to help support the practical side of preventing trafficking and providing healing for victims of sexual abuse in Latin America. Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for therapy.
- I would like to help to pay the expense of the Tijuana Conference (300 people trained by Dr. Rygaard and Dr. Gonzalez). Here is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (suggested amount \$500)
- Here’s my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Use where most needed [ ] (check if you wish to donate monthly)
- I wish to bring someone from Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, or South America to attend the Tijuana Conference. Here is my gift of \$1,500-\$2,000 (per scholarship) I wish to provide 1 scholarship (\$1,500- \$2,000), or 2 scholarships (\$3,000-\$4,000) // TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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