

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Where is Nazareth Orphanage located?

If you want to be directly involved with the children and this ministry, please volunteer some of your time to join us on a Saturday volunteer trip to Nazareth Orphanage. There are four Saturday volunteer day trips organized per year that coincide with the academic school year, taking place in September, November, January and March. We gather in the St. Elizabeth Seton lower parking lot at 7:00 AM and depart no later than 7:30 AM. Return to St. Elizabeth's is generally around 5:30 PM.

How large is Nazareth Orphanage?

Nazareth Orphanage is 7 hectares complete with a security wall and one entrance gate. Each hectare has 10,000 square meters. There are 4,000 square meters to an acer.

Who established Nazareth Orphanage?

In 1967, Father Henry, a US priest from The Passionists religious men's community established this orphanage to care for boys of migrant works. He in turn solicited the assistance of the Sister of the Sacred Heart for the Poor to assist him. The Sisters of the Sacred Heart for the Poor's motherhouse/headquarters is in the city of Morelia, Mexico.

Do the Sisters of the Sacred Heart for the Poor still operated Nazareth Orphanage?

Yes, they have continued to keep the doors open to some fifty boys for the past fifty years.

Who owns the property of Nazareth Orphanage?

Upon Father Henry's death, all the land both inside and outside the wall compound was deeded to the Catholic Archdiocese of Tajuana, Mexico. The Archdiocese continued to allow the Sisters to operate the orphanage as well as offer quarterly retreats in support of the Archdiocesan ministries. In 2010, the Archdiocese of Tajuana deeded the land inside the wall compound called Nazareth Orphanage to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart for the Poor. There is still much more land outside the walls of the orphanage but they remain with the Archdiocese of Tajuana. On April 16, 2013 those Mexican documents were certified with the Mexican government in Mexico City.

How many orphanages do the religious Sisters operate?

The Sisters have seven orphanages throughout Mexico and one in Peru.

How many of these orphanages have both boys and girls?

Four

What is the population of the largest orphanage?

There are two orphanages which have approximately one hundred boys and girls; they are in Morelia and Uruapan, Mexico. Nazareth Orphanage hopes to become the third orphanage with one hundred boys and girls.

How many boys are currently at Nazareth Orphanage?

This number will vary from anywhere in the low forties to mid-fifties.

Is there a Board of Directors for Nazareth Orphanage?

Yes, the orphanage itself has a Board of Directors which draws its membership from the business community of Tecate, the Catholic priest of Tecate and, Father Brian F. Kelly Ph.D., who is President of **OFNO**.

Who then operates Nazareth Orphanage?

The Tecate Board gives broad leeway for the Director of Nazareth Orphanage to handle the general operations and day-to-day activities. In addition, the Tecate Board oversaw the surveying of the walled compound and the deeding of the property to the Sisters of the Sacred Heart for the Poor and other large maintenance projects.

What is the monthly operational budget at Nazareth Orphanage?

The monthly budget is approximately \$3,000 US dollars. The Director of the orphanage receives this funding from various sources:

- a. Financial donations
- b. Selling used clothing and furniture
- c. Twice a year charity bazar/fair and quarterly rental of buildings for spiritual retreats

Does Nazareth Orphanage receive government support?

No direct financial support. Nazareth Orphanage does receive subsidies for food but the Director of the orphanage must drive to Tijuana once a month to receive this food. The orphan boys do receive free medical, dental and academic education from the local community.

How will Nazareth Orphanage secure additional operating monies with the increased addition of girls to the orphanage?

Increasing donations to the orphanage itself, support from the [on-line donation website](#) of **OFNO** and the potential to rent portions of the new community center to local church and civic organizations in the Tecate area to increase financial support.

Are all the boys at Nazareth Orphanage orphans?

No, not in the traditional understanding of a child who has no father or mother to care for them. Some boys do fall into this category but others are placed at the orphanage because families are unable to properly care for their sons both financially, educationally, emotionally and spiritually. The Mexican people have a deep respect for human life and choose not to allow a child to live on the street. Therefore, families will place their son(s) and daughter(s) at an orphanage until they have the means and opportunity to properly care for them. Many of these orphan boys will be raised at Nazareth orphanage, some separate from their sister siblings.

Why expand Nazareth Orphanage to include girls?

Family Togetherness is an important mission at Nazareth Orphanage and the Director of Nazareth Orphanage has solicited Father Kelly and Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage for years with the desire to reach out and brings girls to the orphanage. This will allow some siblings, both girls and boys, to be in one location for family members to visit and be supportive.

When was Outreach for Nazareth Orphanage established?

January 2014, **OFNO**, was officially recognized as a 501(c)3. All the financing and legal requirements to establish **OFNO** both at the federal and state level was accomplished through the generous donation of a benefactor.

How long has OFNO been supporting Nazareth Orphanage?

Prior to the formal establishment of **OFNO** in January 2014, Father Kelly, **OFNO's** President/Spiritual Moderator, has been leading volunteers to the orphanage since September, 1996.

Where is OFNO headquartered?

OFNO is headquartered at:

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Carlsbad, CA 92011

Phone: 760-448-5462

Does OFNO have a Board of Directors?

Yes, currently there are seven members who serve on the Board. Their personal information can be found on the website.

Does OFNO accept donations other than monetary?

The short answer is no because the volunteers go to the orphanage four times a year and bring their own supplies to support each trip. **OFNO** has no place to store donations prior to a trip nor can it guarantee it will have space available to take your donations.

Can I join OFNO on one of the trips and bring my personal donations?

Absolutely. Go to [OFNO's website](#) and sign up for the next trip and bring your donations along. Be forewarned that you may be stopped at the boarder by Mexican custom officials to pay a tariff for your gifts.

Besides volunteering for an OFNO trip, how else can one support the mission?

Your financial support will be appreciated and can be completed online at [OFNO's website](#) or by check and sent to **OFNO's** headquarters.

Is my donation tax deductible?

Yes. **OFNO** is a certified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization: **Donations are tax deductible.**

After you donate through the secure online portal, a receipt is automatically generated for your tax reporting purposes. Check donations will be acknowledged through a written letter sent via US Postal Service.

What is OFNOs Federal Tax ID Number?

FED ID#: 32-0431991

How will my donation benefit Nazareth Orphanage?

Donations made to **OFNO** provide funding for necessary facilities (i.e. full-equipped laundry room), and the upkeep/maintenance of the orphanage. Currently, fundraising is focused on building facilities to welcome young girls to Nazareth Orphanage:

- a. Dormitory for the young girls
- b. Kitchen/dining room area to teach core life skills, such as cooking and sewing
- c. Chapel to accommodate 150 people for prayer and worship
- d. Community Center that can provide classroom space and an indoor play area

Is OFNO connected with social media?

Yes, "Like" and "Share" us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

Can a group other than OFNO support Nazareth Orphanage?

Yes, it takes many generous hands and wallets to keep this orphanage operating. **OFNO** can help facilitate a special group's vision on how they can contribute to the mission of the orphanage.