

Serving the needy children of Baja for over 51 year.

Trip Reports

The first few trips of 2016 have had their share of challenges. In January and February we faced longer than usual delays crossing into Mexico due to stricter regulations imposed on the labeling of products coming into Mexico. In the weeks following the January trip, MCCA board members met with Mexican officials in Tijuana, and the issue of the product labeling was resolved (for now). The February delay was due to a paper work misunderstanding. We thank God that we were able to get all our products through despite the delays. The March border crossing was without delay and we were able to take rice across the border that had been questioned by the inspector in January. We held off on taking the beans in February and March until we could get replacement beans with acceptable labeling. In those months we purchased beans in Tijuana. We will have beans with proper labeling for the April trip.

This is a reminder to never assume all is in order. We need to pray for each trip and trust God to prepare the way for us. We also need to pray for those who serve the Mexican government, that the Lord would touch their hearts and bless them, as they are obedient to those who direct them.

Despite the delays, it was great to again visit the ministries in Baja, seeing the children and serving the Lord in Mexico.

Rowland Libbey 1925 to 2015



Rowland Libbey, pastor of a small church in the Guadalupe Valley of Baja California, went home to the Lord on December 18, 2015, at the age of 90.

Rowland and his wife, Aida, were married for 37 years. They met in Los Angeles, where Aida worked from time to time. After that, they moved to the Guadalupe Valley of Baja, where Aida still lives. She says Rowland was a "wonderful husband,"

and it was evident to all that Aida was a wonderful wife! They had no children of their own, but they ministered to children and their families through their little church.

We learned from Aida that Rowland was part of a very interesting family that dedicated their lives to serving the Lord through the music of the Libbey Family Band. The family of 12 traveled extensively in their own bus throughout South, Central, and North America to carry the message of the Gospel.

In 1957, Rowland received a certificate of ordination as a minister of the Gospel from the True International Gospel League. Just as the Libbey Family Band started its ministry by faith, so did Rowland and Aida start their ministry in the Guadalupe Valley in 1989 by faith. Rowland walked several kilometers along the road every day to collect soda cans and bottles that he could sell. God blessed their work and provided

for them. Eventually, Rowland was able to build the Templo Bautista El Calvario at a conspicuous turn in the highway between Ensenada and Tecate. MCCA drivers have

been stopping at



Rowland and Aida's church for many years and have regarded



them as close friends in the Lord. In his latter years, due to declining health, Rowland was unable to help Aida with the maintenance of the church, so Aida would often have a small project waiting for whichever MCCA driver was assigned to deliver food to their church that month.

She also accepted the help of MCCA drivers and their riders as they divided and bagged MCCA's monthly donation for each of the 15 to 20 families that received food from the church.

May the grace and peace of God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with Aida as she continues to carry on the ministry that she and Rowland started so many years ago. Submitted by Judy Arnett.

Mission

Mexican Christian Children's Aid is a charitable corporation founded in 1964 by a group of Christian businesspersons concerned over the sharp contrast between the wasteful affluence of U.S. society and the abject poverty found so close to our borders. MCCA is dedicated to helping needy children in Baja California, Mexico, by providing food and other assistance to local Christian organizations. At least <u>97%</u> of all funds are used for food, Bibles, and other aid provided directly to orphanages and other Christian organizations in Mexico.

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Off Road Racing and MCCA



MCCA's racing sticker

Does anyone see a connection between off road racing and MCCA? Apparently one MCCA supporter does. Josh Klenske does. A former participant in off road racing with his Ford pickup, he is returning to the circuit in a big way by entering the Mexican 1000. The race is nearly 1300 rugged miles from Ensenada to San Jose del Cabo. Josh wants to use this race to raise support and awareness for MCCA. For additional race information go to <u>https://www.norra.com/release_2015_09_02.php</u>

There is also a Facebook page at

https://www.facebook.com/NorraFanPage/timeline The truck is being repainted and will have MCCA's logo and pictures of many of the children and ministries we support on a monthly basis. To the

right is the left fender design. The owners of **R81WRAPS** in San Bernardino donated the fender wraps for the truck fenders. Thank you so much, Danny and Sergio, for your work on this project. The wrap and sticker designs look



great, thanks to Karen Thomas, daughter of MCCA members Don and Glady Dresner. Three MCCA members are going with Josh to provide support and let people attending this event know about the outreach of MCCA, and how they can be a part of this ministry.

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We Remember

A donation was made to MCCA to honor the memory of **Marv Huizing,** father of Steve Huizingh, and a long time supporter of MCCA.

Prayer Request

I Thessalonians 5: 17&18 tells us to "Pray without ceasing, ...for this is the will of God." Many of you, and us, petition the Lord often on MCCA's behalf, and we have seen things happen that can only attributed to the Lord's intervention. There are many areas, too many to list here, that we still need the Lord to move in, and we depend on the Lord and your prayers for MCCA's mission. Thanks for your continued support.

News from Niños de Baja



The following is an excerpt from a recent note MCCA received.

"Five more children were either adopted or left NdB to live with family members last week. Four were siblings. It has been so

amazing that 14 kids have gone to new families or to live with relatives, who became their guardians, since the beginning of this year. This is great news, seeing children adopted and families reunited. To learn more about NdB go to the web site: <u>http://ninosdebaja.org/</u>

If anyone gives a cup of cold water to these little ones because he is My disciple, I tell you the truth; he will certainly not lose his reward. Matthew 10:42