



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

April/May 2014

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVING THE LORD IN BAJA

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

MCCA IS NOW 50 YEARS OLD



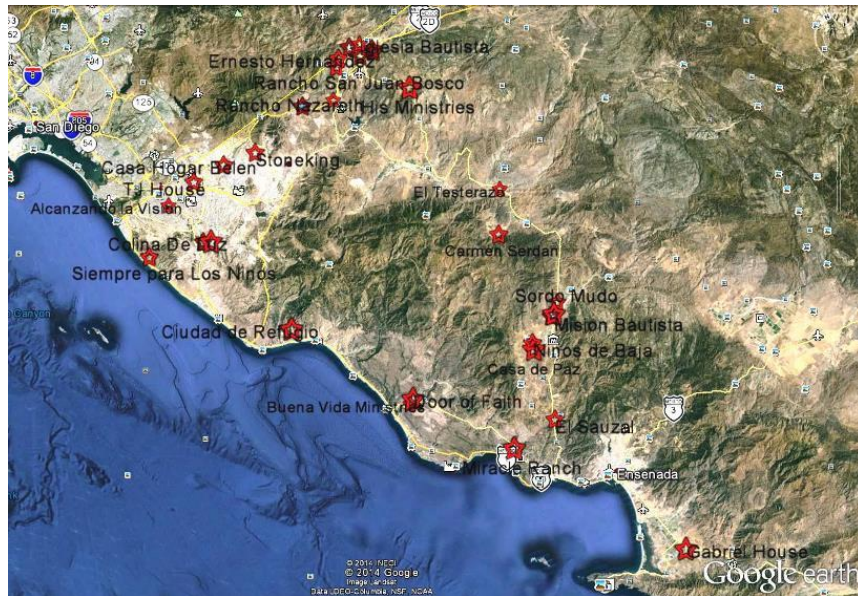
Here are many of the original members. From the left, the first man is not known, then Ray Zimmer, Bob Sauer, Mike Stoel, Bud De Young, Art Cooper, and Scott Coverdale

Two brothers, Marv and Don Van Wieren, along with brother-in-law Mike Stoel, had seen a film about Pastor Jose Acosta in Valle de Guadalupe, Baja. They often went fishing in Ensenada and, being touched by this film, decided to find this pastor during one of their trips to Ensenada. Needless to say, they began taking food and supplies to the church run by Pastor Acosta. On one of these trips Bud De Young brought a box of frozen chicken. When he delivered it, Pastor Jose acted like he was expecting it. When asked about this, his answer was, "I knew you were coming. I prayed about this and the Lord assured me they would be here. I promised the men that are pouring a new concrete floor in the church there would be a chicken dinner for them when the floor was done." God had answered his prayer.

In 1964 six men, Ray Zimmer, Don Van Wieren, Mike Stoel, Scott Coverdale, Jerry Hamill, and Art Cooper, set the wheels in motion to do things more "efficiently," going with two or three vehicles a month, sometimes multiple trips in a month. In 1966 a non-profit corporation was formed, Mexican Christian Children's Plan. The name was changed to Mexican Christian Children's Aid in 1973. The next place to receive

support was Rose Park, an orphanage in Tijuana. Juan and Joan Sandoval, recent graduates of La Puente Bible College, went to Tijuana to save souls. These souls were very young, some babies literally lying in the gutter. Before long, Rose Park had thirty children to care for full time. Soon, others heard of the help available from MCCA and the number of ministries served grew.

In the 60's MCCA delivered to a few places along a single route. In 1986 there were 25 ministries serviced by two routes, the long run to



just north of Ensenada and the short run from Tijuana to Tecate. By the late 90's the number had grown to 12 to 15 trucks a month delivering 25 tons of food to 45 ministries. As the need grew, the Lord continued to provide workers and donations so MCCA could grow as well.

Today there are 6 different "runs" that are made every month that deliver goods to 58 ministries. The longer trips will cover 450 miles in a day, while the shortest trip is still around 300 miles. The map pictured is an example of how far the Lord has called us to travel in His name for MCCA. The stars on the map represent a sampling of the places we go. There is not enough room to include them all.

Will MCCA continue to grow? Can we continue to help meet the needs of children that need aid? Only God knows what the future holds. We have many challenges to overcome in the immediate and long-term direction of MCCA. As we've done in the past, we'll put our trust in the Lord

For now, though, we want to praise God for His work in Mexico through MCCA for the past 50 years.

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 97% 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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Prayer Request

Urgent Need! The warehouse we have been using since last December is in escrow. We will make one more trip from this facility in May, and then we will likely have to move. We need your prayers and God's guidance regarding what to do. We're sure the Lord has a plan, and our prayer is to clearly see the way we are to go.

Fish Taco Stand

For the many years of traveling in Mexico, there are a few constants. One of those is this fish taco stand. Juana Rodriguez would fix fish tacos for MCCA drivers in the early years. Her daughter Lauda, (pictured) took over and has been there at least 20 years. There were a few times during stormy weather she would be open only because she knew we were coming.

In the past few months Lauda and her family have also had struggles due to the economy. It started with her husband losing his job then losing their home, and then the truck they use broke down. The family has had some tough times. We don't hear her complain. She has found a cart in order to keep selling tacos, and she always greets us with a big smile. I'm telling you this only to ask for prayer. She and her family could really use the Lord's help.



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COME CELEBRATE WITH US

Mexican Christian Children's Aid
50th Anniversary



Join us for a celebration of giving thanks to the Lord for the years of service.

--When?.....Saturday, May 17, 2014

--Where?.....The River Christian Reformed Church
459 East Highland Avenue
Redlands, CA 92373

--What Time?.....10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

(Stop in and join us even if you can't attend the entire time.)

Meal available from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Tri-Tip, Baked Beans and Potato Salad

Please RSVP for the meal by Saturday, May 10, so we can plan accordingly.

Contact Judy Arnett or Helen Babcock

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UNITED STATES MARINES



For 19 years, Marines from the Marine Combat Center, 29 Palms, CA joined our efforts and lent the strength of their youth to MCCA. Ralph Porter (pictured to the left with three Marines) has spent a lot of his life reaching the lost and has touched many Marines for the Lord during his 31 years

ministering to those young men and women. Unfortunately, the events of 9-11 and subsequent wars resulted in travel restrictions placed on the Marines leaving the country, and they were not able to continue riding with us. We could still use their help, like the fellow to the right carrying 400lbs of flour.



Next trips; May 10, June 7, July 12