



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

Fall 2018

And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes Me. Matt 18:5 NIV

Serving the needy children of Baja since 1964.

Trip Reports

The recent trips have gone very well. Because we now buy all products in Mexico, the border crossing into Mexico has become a non-issue. Two trucks go to Costco in Tijuana, two go



Buying 38 bags of soy milk, our most expensive product



Purchasing 64 bags of oats to a Mercado in TJ, and we all meet at El Florido in Otay Mesa where we purchase the bulk of the products we deliver.



For the last several months, we have been getting a lot of help from members of Centerpoint church in Colton. There has been upwards of ten people joining us on the monthly trips. They are much younger than many of our drivers and their strong arms have been a real blessing. Even the young ladies grab the 50 lb. sacks of beans and rice and carry them to the pantries. Thank you, Centerpoint Church.

At one of our stops, the directors at Carman Serdan asked us if we knew of someone that would be interested in hosting a Christmas party for their residents. This is a home for severely handicapped individuals. I can't really say children because some of the residents came as children and never left. If your church, club, or group feels lead to help a home in Mexico, we can try to connect you. Contact any MCCA member to get started. MCCA doesn't sponsor parties but we can sometimes connect you to an orphanage or home that would welcome a group to show some love to their children.

Provident Bank in Redlands

Provident Bank has had a program for years that links depositor accounts with local charities in the community. MCCA is one of those charities. There is no cost to the account holder; it's Provident's way of giving back. The account holders' names are confidential and MCCA does not know who has linked what accounts to us. We just thank the Lord for them remembering us and for Provident's generosity.

Branch manager Marina Guadarrama attended our August board meeting and presented a check for \$625.47, the largest donation yet. Again, thank you Provident Bank.

AmazonSmile

Since we're talking about free money, I do want to remind you about **AmazonSmile**. Many of us shop on Amazon and you can make MCCA, or any charity Amazon has on their list, a beneficiary of your purchases by using AmazonSmile. There is no cost to you and a percentage of many of your qualified purchases will be donated to MCCA. Our quarterly checks continue to grow as more of you choose to support MCCA this way. Thank you AmazonSmile.

News from the South

So much is happening in Baja California as well as the rest of Mexico when it comes to orphanages and child care. On January 1, 2019, all orphanages must meet the government-imposed safety requirements or face closure. The cost of the improvements is borne by the orphanage with little, if any, help from the Mexican government. This has impacted some of our ministries. Miracle Ranch was facing upgrade costs in excess of \$30,000. They chose to cease operating as an orphanage and now have a program feeding the children and holding Christian outreaches in their area. Others like Niños de Baja have a large support base in the U.S. and have been able to meet those requirements.

It's not clear how the deadline will impact the ministries, but what is clear; the children need our prayers, that they will be safe during this time of uncertainty.

How Many?

Some reports were going around about the number of orphanages that are in Mexico. The numbers were not possible to confirm, but from some online research, it appears there are hundreds of private orphanages throughout Mexico, with about half of them being in Baja. The number of orphans by some estimates exceed one million nationwide. This is also hard to verify because many Mexican states have few, if any, orphanages. Many children are on the street surviving however they can.

MCCA currently aids approximately 70 ministries of which more than 40 are orphanages.

Through many groups like MCCA, the orphanages provide a loving environment with food, shelter, and sharing the Gospel of Christ.

How Long?

I was wondering how long the children stay in the homes. Is there an average length of stay? The short answer is, there is wide variation between homes.

DJ at Door of Faith said about 70% will be there long term, about 12 years. He also said, *"We have children that are doctors, lawyers, running schools etc. but the ones I consider 'successful' are the ones who come from the worst backgrounds but are now great spouses dedicated to raising their own children well - Breaking the cycle is hard but most of our kids really are doing well."*

At Niños de Baja, *"There is such a variable for so many reasons that averaging would not mean much. We have some kids we know will be with us till 18 and came at an early age. Others have left after months because family members adopt"*

These are just a couple of examples. Something we need to understand; a lot of the children are not "true orphans". Many will have a parent, often the mother, who cannot provide care. Others have been removed from their parents' home by DIF. If the parents can change their lifestyle, the children will go back to the parents. Maintaining the family structure is the highest priority in Mexico.

MCCA is thankful to be a part of these children's lives while they live in these Christian homes, being raised knowing the love of the Lord.

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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Blankets and quilts



The picture you see is of a quilt, made by Eunice Hamill, delivered to one of the ministries in Mexico. Apparently, Eunice enjoys sewing, has a “mountain” of scrap fabric, and six time a year she sends 6 to 8 quilts to Mexican ministries. Eunice’s involvement with MCCA goes back to the 1960’s when her husband Jerry, and his Sunday school class, began supporting Rose Park Orphanage. They were joined by her father Ray Zimmer, thus starting MCCA. Eunice and Jerry served the Lord as full-time missionaries for several years. After serving in Peru, they returned to Redlands and were again a part of MCCA with Jerry driving or riding along on the trips to Mexico. They don’t join us on the road any longer, but Eunice is still sharing the Love of God by making these quilts and the recipients are very grateful.

Speaking of **blankets**, we have an anonymous donor that is providing funds to purchase 800 blankets this year. Someone did the same thing last year and even 800 blankets were not enough. We had requests for many more. Cold is a real problem. Many orphanages have very little heat and the nights can be cold. This a blessing that is beyond measure. Thank you, our 2018 donor.



Rancho Sordo Mudo



For many years Rancho Sordo Mudo has been a live-in school for the deaf in Guadalupe Valley, part way between Ensenada and Tecate. In their September newsletter they announced they will no longer operate as a school for the deaf. When Ed and Margaret Everett started the school 50 years ago, they were the only free home and school for the deaf. Their son Luke wrote, “*On behalf of the children, staff, directors and Everett families we want to thank you for your many, many years of faithfulness providing food for thousands of people during the 48 years you served us here at Rancho Sordo Mundo (we changed the name). We are very grateful.*”

Rancho Sordo Mudo (RSM) has been a big part of the changes in Baja regarding the training and education of the deaf, and they are not done. Many current staff members and former students continue to serve the deaf community throughout Mexico.

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Bible Donation

For most of MCCA’s existence, distributing Bibles was, and still is, part of each monthly delivery to the ministries. The last full year, 2016, of MCCA purchasing Bibles, the cost was over \$7,000. Early in 2017, one of those anonymous donors stepped forward and said they will provide the Bibles. This is another one of those blessings you can’t put a price on. While most of our homes have multiple Bibles of different translations, the orphanages and ministries were hungry for Bibles. We normally leave 5 at each stop and there is always a need for more. During a delivery to Sordo Mudo in 2016, these boys were so excited to get their own Bibles. It’s hard to put into words the joy felt when seeing the boy’s scrambling to get their own Bible.



Prayer Requests

We are getting more requests from orphanages and children’s ministries. Because of that we are facing a need for more trucks and drivers. On some of our routes the trucks are almost at weight and volumn capacity. Please pray the Lord brings more trucks and their drivers.

As was mentioned earlier, with the approaching government deadline, orphanages are facing the threat of closure. The rumors about where the children are sent are not good at all. Please continue to pray for the kids; they need a safe and loving environment.

We are so thankful for the continued support from all of you. We pray that God blesses your faithfulness, and we thank Him for allowing us to be a part of His ministry in supporting the children in Mexico

Thanks again for your faithfulness in supporting MCCA.

Next trips: November 3, December 1. The 2019 schedule will be in the next newsletter.

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

Rancho Sordo Mundo

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September 2018

Dear Friends,



Greetings Friends, It was a quick summer so let's wrap up the last school year and summer. We ended the school year baptizing 8 of our students! What a blessing to see the joy on their faces; it was extra special because we invited Carlos, a former student, now pastor to the deaf in Ensenada, to join us. It was a fitting end to the school year.

In addition we are very proud of Karen and Axel who graduated from high school in Ensenada. Karen plans to study education at a university in Ensenada, which is one of the very few cities in Mexico that provides interpreters

for deaf university students. This shows RSM's regional influence in changing receptivity to the deaf culture in Mexico.

This summer we were blessed to have Young Life Adventures use our facilities for 4 weeks as they served different local ministries, built houses and distributed food and prayers to the people who live in the outlying areas of Ensenada. We look forward to having them again next summer.



If you or your church are interested in having a camp or a conference at our beautiful RSM campus please email me: sanlucasrsm@gmail.com .



As we mentioned in our May newsletter new changes were coming to RSM.

Through prayer and consultation with other deaf ministries and our board of directors, we've come to face the reality that deaf culture has dramatically changed over 50 years. A half a century ago when our parents, Ed and Margaret Everett started RSM, it was the ONLY free home and school for the deaf in all of Mexico. But now; look at the changes we've seen, not only in Mexico, but in deaf culture, technology, family culture, and churches throughout the world; we are in very quickly evolving times!

The reality is that more and more schools for the deaf are opening in Mexico and families with deaf children are much more reluctant to send their child off to boarding school. Mexico values its family ties and families remain close. With your help, RSM plans to transition from a school to a worldwide mentor and influencer of deaf ministry. We started long ago, but are coming to the precious realization that we need to expand our service to the deaf throughout Mexico and internationally. Here is an AMAZING list of the deaf outreaches, which started right out of RSM, that we are currently mentoring, building and financing:

- The deaf school ministry in Amealco, Queretaro. (Hogar EnSeñas)
(Eddie is leaving next week to take much needed tools and supplies)
- Colegio Magdalena Rincon, deaf ministry in Los Mochis, Sinaloa
(Eddie and Eddie B visited last week, to see what is needed.)
- Ensenada Silent Ministry in Ensenada (House for deaf adult men)
- Carlos Suarez, pastor to the deaf in Ensenada
(Luke is in with Pastor Carlos counseling today).
- Guatemala Deaf Ministries, Greg Summerville and family
- Assisting deaf schools in Ensenada

Any new deaf ministry we can help guide, teach and prepare. Luke currently has been asked to go to other parts of Mexico and the world (South Africa) to offer counsel and advice in starting a deaf ministry.

With your continued help, we will continue and expand our support both financially and physically to these ministries. In order to grow our support further, we will expand the use of our valuable facilities in one of the most beautiful and economically rich regions of Mexico by hosting local, national and international conferences for both the deaf and the hearing. There will be both spiritual and teaching conferences. We will also rent the facilities for camps like Young Life. These conferences will help train those interested in deaf ministry and expand our influence worldwide. Money generated using the facilities of RSM will continue to be used to support existing deaf ministries and helping new ones as the Lord leads.

WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP! We continue to invite YOU and your churches to help us maintain our facilities, to hold a conference or retreat, or even come for a pleasant visit to the Guadalupe Wine Valley. We also have a current need for groups to go to interior of Mexico, near Mexico City to help us build facilities for the deaf ministry in Amealco, Queretaro. For information on this opportunity, please contact Edward Everett at mrneondemexico@hotmail.com

As we continue to move forward in obedience to God’s calling upon RSM, the vision and mission to serve the deaf remains the same.

Thank YOU for your continued prayers and support. We look forward to sharing with you all the new things God will be doing through RSM.

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