



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

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*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new 2 Cor. 5:17.*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Feliz Navidad from Mexico **Christmas 2016**

With the holidays behind us, we asked the ministries we help in Mexico to show us how they celebrated Christmas. Here are a few responses.

New Hope Children's home in Tijuana

Directors Art and Joyce Stoneking plan a big celebration for the children as well as an outreach to the poor and forgotten living in the area. The home is decorated very similarly to the decorations found in U.S. homes. They have supporters who bring gifts for the children, and a family atmosphere fills the home. Art and Joyce wrote in their recent newsletter; *"Our month will end with a party and gifts for the boys at the boys' home and a beautiful Christmas Day at the children's home in Tijuana. How blessed we are to be able to spend our Christmas with these precious children! The month is filled with so much excitement and joy, and we have you to thank for making it all possible. You are a part of something beautiful happening this month in our part of the world, and we are so grateful.*

During this blessed season, when we are so filled with joy and thanksgiving for all God has done, we find ourselves also giving thanks for you. Thank you for sharing with us this past year, so that we would be able to share with others."

The Stonekings share these feelings with many of the ministries we help support. Many don't have much but what they do have, they share with those around them who have even less.



A Christmas Feast



Men's nursing home



The following are additional pictures we received. The email and online editions of the newsletter will have additional pictures.



A pageant was held at H.I.S. Ministries.



The teens at Grace Childrens Home were excited to receive their gifts.



It's a blessing to see all the smiles on the faces at Rancho Santa Marta.

MCCA as an organization does not take gifts or host Christmas parties, but we are very thankful for the churches, civic organizations and clubs that do. Since our December trip was early in the month, we weren't able to see the celebrations, but it is great seeing the pictures.

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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Trip report

I always like to report that our border crossing went well, but that wasn't the case this past January. Mexico enacted new regulations for taking goods across the border, and we ran right up against these new rules. The rules affected the packaging of some of our products that we get at very low price. The inspector was sympathetic to our predicament but said we'd have to talk to a supervisor. We weren't singled out; there were other vehicles full of items, and some had to off load specific products. A couple of trucks were denied entry into Mexico. The supervisor eventually arrived; and, thank God, he did allow us to take all our load across, but we would have to meet with border officials prior to the February trip. MCCA board members did that and we know what we need to do to satisfy the new requirements with no new expenses. This is another reminder of how important it is to pray for our trips. We depend on the Lord to act on our behalf.

After the 4 to 5 hours spent at the border, the rest of the trip went fine. Some of the ministries thought we weren't going to make it and were sure glad when we did.

After the weekend trip we did receive some sad news. The pastor at Mision Bautista, Roland Libbey, had passed away. MCCA has been supporting him for many years. We tried to make a delivery to his church on Saturday but there was no one there. We thought that due to our late arrival, he had gone home, and we didn't give it any more thought. We don't have much information at this time except that he is survived by his wife Aida. We'll have more about Roland in the next newsletter.

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Government Oversight of Orphanages in Baja California

The director of Tijuana Christian Mission (City of Refuge) wrote in their recent newsletter, "For years, orphanages in Baja were 'licensed,' but direct oversight and accountability from the Mexican government was minimal. Some homes were great, some not so great.

Over the last couple of years, there have been some very tragic events in other homes, including a fire in an orphanage where several children died. In reaction to these tragic events, new laws have come into place for all orphanages in Baja.

While we all agree there need to be standards, the way it's being handled is complicated and frustrating. We now report to six different agencies in Mexico, all with new requirements. All of the orphanages in our area have been given a deadline to bring everything up to new, retroactive codes, many of which deal with fire and electrical safety. These new codes are not bad, but they are VERY costly to implement. Although the government is appreciative of what we do, there is no help from the government with this."

MCCA received an email from Casa de Paz that they were able to meet the new requirements, thanks to their donors. Because of this, they were able to accept 22 girls from Rancho El Faro, which was forced to close because of the new regulations and not having the funds to make the necessary improvements.

Please pray for these orphanages as they struggle to keep their children safe and healthy with limited funds.

Next trip dates: February 6; March 5; April 9; and May 14.

***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***

MORE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN MEXICO

THE MISSION AT CARMEN SERDAN



MCCA has been delivering here for many years (30?). It originally was a home for severely handicapped children; but as the children grew older, there was no place for them to go. In the last few years they have once again been able to accept more children. It's located in a beautiful valley, about 3 miles off the highway between Ensenada and Tecate. The children here are on the sun deck getting some fresh air on a nice day.



BOULEVARD CHURCH IN TECATE

Pastor Eufasio Pérez and his wife Maria, spent part of their Christmas celebration serving breakfast to the homeless and then having a church service for them.



He closes his email saying
"THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU
ARE DOING FOR OUR
MINISTRIES IN MEXICO
GOD BLESS"
Eufasio and Maria Perez
Church Planting



MOUNT OF OLIVES CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

This is one of our newer orphanages, located south of Ensenada in Uruapan, Baja, Mexico. They also had a Christmas celebration.



These are just a few glimpses of the various Christmas celebrations that took place this past December. We are very thankful for the groups that take the time share God's love for the children this way and hope it continues in the years to come.

Thanks to all our supporters who enable MCCA to continue to bless the children throughout the years. May God continue to bless you all.