



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

Summer 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 last few trips have seen changes. Some are good, some not so good. First, the good. Because of our faithfully donors, we have enough funds to add fresh vegetables to our budget. In April we started purchasing potatoes to be distribute each month. This is a welcome addition for the ministries we help. It's fun to see the little extra pleasure when they see potatoes. As Rich De Witt says, "Who doesn't love a baked potato?" We have



Think we can get another 1,000 pounds in Ron's truck?

also added two new ministries in the last couple of months. (See the articles in this newsletter).

The not-so-good news is the challenge to get beans and rice across the border. Depending on who we talk



to at the border, we can get the products through, and then again, we can't. In June we bought beans and rice at El Florido. The cost is twice what we pay in the U.S. Board Vice President Mike Ramirez is trying to arrange a meeting with border officials to get definitive answer, hopefully in our favor. Please pray for this, that we can continue taking these products.

Remembering our past

We dedicated our May trip to Ken Adler. Ken made his first trip to Mexico with Ray Zimmer in 1974. At that time there were only 3-5 trucks making the monthly trips. Ken's wife June would join him on the trips and son Mike started going at a young age.



Ken Adler in 1982

Mike continues helping make our monthly deliveries.

Before the time of "social networking", Ken had a network. A friend was able to provide cheese, butter and powdered milk in very large quantities.



Ken and Mike at Coco's

After some flooding in Mexico, another friend had connections to get wool blankets cheap. Another friend was able to provide a forklift used by MCCA for years.

Ken still joins us from time to time. It's always great to see the people that helped to pave the way for us young folks.

Brothers Grimm

No, not Jacob and Wilhelm from the early 19th century. This is about Rod and Bob Grimm of the late 20th century, the founders of Grimmway Farms.



Rod and Bob Grimm. Courtesy of Grimmway Farms Twitter page.

According to Wikipedia, they started their agricultural empire in the mid 1960's with a roadside stand selling sweet corn from the small family farm in Anaheim, California. That was the start of a business that grew into the largest carrot producer in the world. The story of how MCCA became a recipient of Grimmway carrots was told by Henry Stuursma. Henry said Bud De Young was driving in the Bakersfield area and saw fields of carrots. He asked the workers if MCCA could have 20 bags of carrots. They gave him the carrots and told him to come back for more, and if the company was still in business, he could have more carrots. He must have talked to the right people because Grimmway Farms has provided carrots for years. When Grimmway was in the conventional potato business, they gave us potatoes as well. Before restrictions stopped us, we were getting over 5,000 pounds of each, every month. Thank God for people like the Grimm family. The brothers were raised in the Christian faith and lived their lives as successful business men and faithful stewards of God's blessing, supporting their church, Christian schools and many other organizations that share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rodney Grimm died in 1998 and brother Robert in 2006. Both brothers honor MCCA as it was their will for the company to continue to provide carrots and potatoes. Their legacy continues to bless others in the Name of the Lord.

Grimmway is no longer in the conventional potato business, but we still hope and pray that once again we can take trucks loaded with fresh carrots every month. We also pray that the Lord continues to bless Grimmway Farms for their generosity.

In memory of

Paul and Melanie Verhoeven made a donation in honor of Paul's mother, **Beverly Verhoeven**.

Hendrika Winefer has honored the memory of **Gerhard Medema** with a gift to MCCA.

Jacki and Keith Tenny, along with James Heiser, have honored the memory of **Leslie Walker**, sister of Judy Arnett.

Donna Poe, through Larry and Linda Feenstra, wish to honor the memory of her father, **Albright M. Piles**, with a donation to MCCA.

Thank you to all who share the memory of their loved ones with MCCA and the children in Mexico.

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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In April **Beautiful Gate** Orphanage became the latest addition to ministries to which MCCA provides aid. Located in Maneadero, Beautiful Gate is a home for medically fragile children. The children living in the home are unable to care for themselves and have been abandoned by their families. There are currently seven children living at Beautiful Gate. There are also facilities, similar to a Ronald McDonald House, for families to stay and receive training to care for their own children who have similar ailments.

Beautiful Gate is part of **Genesis Diez**. Genesis Diez has many outreaches in Baja that include church camps, youth and children’s services as well as Beautiful Gate.

The staff includes the co-founder of Genesis Diez Greg Amstutz, and Beautiful Gate director **Gaby Reyes**. To get more information, please see their web page at <http://genesisdiez.org/> or on their Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/GenesisDiez/>

Our latest addition is **Hogares Ciudad de Refugio** (City of Refuge) in Tijuana. The orphanage was started in 2012 by Obed Quinonez Nunez and his wife Evelyn. They are currently caring for 18 children.



The home is located in, let’s just say, one of the not-so-good parts of Tijuana. The focus of the ministry is to reach children whose mothers are often drug addicts and prostitutes. The father is usually

unknown. When these children are taken in, they do not have any documentation like a birth certificate or vaccination records. These are necessary to enroll the children in school. The transition from their previous life style to living in a home where they are safe, fed and loved is not always easy but this is the mission God has placed in the hearts of Obed and Evelyn. It is in this home the children are taught about God’s love for them and hopefully lead into a relationship with Christ. Obed and Evelyn are also reaching out to local children to lead them to Christ.

This orphanage is not associated with the City of Refuge orphanage in Rosarito.

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Joshua’s House by Bob Yeckley

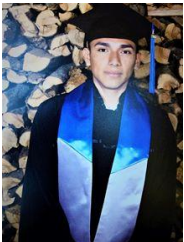
Last year MCCA began providing food to Joshua’s House in San Vicente, about 2 hours south of Ensenada. I want to share what is happening there.

They have 13 boys living at the home. There are additions being built at this time to add room for more boys.



I visited the home and was very impressed with what I saw. Many of the boys are involved with the local church, serving on the

worship team and ushering. The boys are also taught about the Lord, and many have accepted Jesus as Lord. This is what we hope for when MCCA provides support to a ministry. One example is Fernando Sanchez Vazquez. He was recently baptized, and this year he graduated from high school. Thank God for ministries like Joshua’s House.



Prayer Requests

The recent challenges are the border are just that, challenging. Please pray that we will be allowed to take beans and rice across the border. We have enough stored for 4 more months and want to see this go where it was intended.

Please pray that when we are meeting with Mexican officials, that we have favor and they will realize we are there to help their children.

We can use more trucks and drivers. One month we were short 4 trucks and that puts a heavier burden on the remaining trucks. Please pray the Lord brings more workers.

We lost our U.S. potato supplier. The company has closed and no longer operates in our area. We do hope to locate another source.

We also need to be continually giving thanks for what the Lord does each month. When we think a door closing, we need to be quiet so we can hear the next door opening.

Thanks again for your faithfulness in supporting MCCA.

Next trips: August 11, September 8, October 6

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