



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

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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

Our trips into Mexico continue to go very well. As with any endeavor of this size, there are the occasional problems, but the Lord God is always faithful to provide a way through the obstacles that pop up.



We still converge at the El Florido market in Otay Mesa to complete the loading for the seven different routes in Mexico. The management of El Florido has been more than gracious, allowing us to take over almost half their parking lot with up to 14

trucks to distribute the cargo. Several store employees pitch in by loading the products we purchase there as well as moving around goods from other stores. Keeping track of all the products for all the trips can be challenging. Even with all the planning and diligence, it's not unusual to hear someone say, "I don't have enough eggs," or "Are there any more beans?" We are so thankful for all the help we get each month at El Florido.



Remembering our past

Jan Van Mouwerik by Joe Martin

Our June trip we remembered the work of **Jan Van Mouwerik**. Jan, now 88 years old, began his time with MCCA about the mid 1970's when he rode along with Gerhard Medema and Dick Lindeman. He did so until he purchased a truck in 1983 and became a regular driver. In 1999, he bought another Ford, which he drove for over 100,000 miles, mostly during MCCA trips.



During his time with MCCA, he made over 200 trips to Baja CA until 2013. From those years he has fond memories of the various activities he was involved in. These activities included making trips to the Bakersfield area with Art Cooper for carrots and potatoes, picking oranges from his grove in Redlands with MCCA members, and serving on the board for several years. One story he remembers occurred on a trip and involved a little girl at one of the orphanages. She asked him his name, and in spirit of simplicity he said, "Juan", to which she replied, "Juan....., two, three, four....".

He has enjoyed serving with all the various people who have volunteered over the years with MCCA and the blessing of being involved with people who believe they are being the hands of Jesus, who are just performing a willing service for people who need help for the glory of God.

The August trip was dedicated to **Ralph Porter** of 29 Palms. For many years, Ralph would recruit Marines from 29 Palms to go with MCCA into Mexico, delivering food to the many



Ralph & Wilma Porter

ministries we support. So many wanted to go that he purchased a larger passenger van to take more on these monthly trips. One Saturday a month, he'd

pickup these Marines as early as 2:00 a.m. to meet us in Escondido. This continued until 9-11 and then the Marines were no longer allowed to leave the country.

Ralph's life revolved around the Marine Corps and reaching these young men and women for Christ.

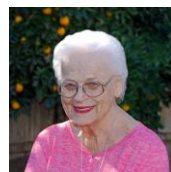
On his first trip to Mexico, he saw the Lopez family living in a dirt hut. From that time forward, he took supplies and shared the Gospel from that initial encounter. He continued this until he stopped going to Mexico in 2009.

His love of serving the Lord and reaching the lost was evident in Ralph. He was a great blessing to have with us each month.

Excerpts from Helen Babcock's article in the fourth quarter MCCA newsletter of 2009

Memorials

This summer we saw the passing of two ladies who were part of MCCA for many years



In June, **Beverly Verhoeven** went to her Heavenly father. Beverly was the daughter of Ray and Sylvia Zimmer. The family moved to Redlands from Los Angeles in 1941. After graduating from college, Beverly moved to Hanford, CA to teach. It was there she met Herman, and they were married on July 22, 1960. The couple moved back to Redlands shortly after the wedding. In 1964, her father, Ray, began making trips to Mexico, delivering food and aid to orphanages. This was the beginning of Mexican Christian Children's Aid. Her husband, Herm, would join her father in those early years of MCCA, and continued delivering food to orphanages into the next century.

Beverly is survived by her husband of 56 years, Herman; her sister Eunice (Jerry) Hamill; her sons, Steven (Catherine) Hooper, Utah, Paul (Melanie) Challis, Idaho, and James (Karen) Redlands, 9 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. She was preceded by their infant daughter, Mary. In lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to Mexican Christian Children's Aid.



Thelma Avonne Zevenbergen of Yucaipa passed away July 1, 2017. She was born on April 23, 1934, in Beaumont, Texas, to Reverend Wesley and Mary (Kuiper) Prince. In 1954, she married Gene Zevenbergen in Sibley, Iowa. In 1958, they moved to California and eventually settled in Yucaipa. Avonne and Gene were active members of the MCCA family, making many trips over the years, helping wherever they could.

Avonne is survived by her husband of 63 years, Gene Zevenbergen of Yucaipa; son Curtis Zevenbergen of Yucaipa and his wife Jeri; daughter Mary Dillard of Cedar Hill, Tennessee and her husband Harold, many grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Avonne will be remembered for her love for God, adventurous spirit, generous heart, ready smile, and her eagerness to chat with anyone and everyone.

The family asked that any donations in her memory be made to MCCA.

During this same time, we also received gifts honoring the memory of many others. Ray Zimmer, Jean Watson, Ellen Gotto, and Ray Hooper were remembered by the friends and family that love them.

Thank you to all who chose to share your love for these saints by supporting MCCA.

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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New ministry

MCCA recently began supporting a new ministry, **Joshua’s House**. Joshua’s House is a home for boys and youth in San Vicente, BC, about an hour and a half south of Ensenada. It is currently home for 10 to 12 boys ages 13 through 18. The



director is Mike Meyerpeter, who lives at the home.

Mike’s ministry was recommended to MCCA by friends of MCCA as well as one of our current recipients, Jeanie Sue Phegley of Casa del Pastor. Jeanie Sue told us “Mike has been faithful to his calling for about 15 years. He is a kind and considerate servant of the Lord. At first, he was coming with us, but he then found a greater need with young teen guys and branched off to begin his ministry in our same San Vicente. He has been using most of his own funds for his ministry and keeps moving forward in the Lord. I would recommend him.”

When Mike was asked why he chose the name of the ministry he said, “I was studying the book of Joshua at the time we were doing the paperwork for our 501 (C) (3). As Joshua was Moses' successor, we like to think that these boys are the future leaders here in their community”.

Joshua’s House is the main ministry of **Hebron International Ministries** in Menifee California.

For more information, you can follow them on their Facebook page.

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News from Baja

Niños de Baja had 8 adoptions in the last few months. Some of the children went to relatives, the rest to new families. DIF brought little Aaron to NdB recently. The police found him in an abandoned room with nothing to eat or drink, crying and in a bad environment, including dope. He is now safe.

Casa Del Pastor is a home for mothers with their children. The ministry cares for the children and prepares the mothers to be self-sufficient. The exciting news is they now have their own school for the children.

H.I.S. Ministries in Tecate recently completed a fund raiser for school uniforms in their community, and they raised enough money to provide 600 uniforms for the local children.

Prayer and Thanks

Eufrazio Perez of **Iglesia Bautista** has been planting churches in Mexico for many years. The recent 8.1 earthquake struck near one of the churches in Chiapas. It’s not known what damage may have occurred, but he asks for prayer for the church and the surrounding communities.

With the recent addition of a new boys home, **Joshua’s House**, we now provide support to 65 ministries. **We thank God** that he continues to enable us, through our many supporters, to accept new ministries. It is our prayer that as new requests come in, the **Lord** will guide us and provide the means to support these new ministries to reach the children in the **Name of the Lord**.

Next trips: October 7, November 4, December 2

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