



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

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CELEBRATING SERVING THE LORD IN BAJA SINCE 1964

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

Recent Trip Report

During the last couple of trips, we have had products turned back at the border. In June we could not take the oats and July we could not take powdered milk. These products were turned back by officials from Mexico's agricultural department even though we had a letter for the items from DIF. When we face this situation, the products have to be returned to the warehouse. Fortunately, we were able to reach the truck that delivered to Tecate, CA, and they came to the inspection area and took the oats and milk back to the warehouse. The frustrating part is when this occurs at the border, we are not able to replace the products with what can be purchased in Mexico on that short of notice.

We have since found a source in Mexico for the oats and powdered milk for the August trip, but at a higher price. Unfortunately, our order was not ready when we arrived and this added a couple more hours to the day. The cost for the oats and milk are higher in Mexico with the milk being one of the more expensive products to deliver.

Please don't think the trip was all bad. We still made all the planned deliveries of the allowed products and continue to thank God for a safe trip and a day spent with fellow believers, and it is always a blessing visiting the ministries the Lord has called us to support.

Provident Bank Community Partnership

At the May board meeting, Marina Guadarrama, Branch Vice President of Provident Bank in Redlands, once again presented MCCA a check from their Community Partnership Program. This is a program that allows depositors to link their accounts to MCCA, or other charities, and Provident Bank will make a donation to the non-profit organization of their choice. Provident's website is <http://www.myprovident.com/businesscommunitypartner.asp> or call the Redlands branch at 909-793-2992.

In addition to this program, Marina has worked with us regarding wire transfers to businesses in Mexico from which MCCA purchases products like eggs and flour. Thank you, Marina, and thank you, Provident Bank!

"New" Warehouse

As many of you remember, late in 2013 we had to leave our warehouse in Redlands. We had been using that warehouse **rent free** for about 30 years.

Warehouse space in Bloomington, owned by **Dalton Trucking**, was made available to us for the same generous price of **FREE**. MCCA began working out of that warehouse in November of 2013. It was a modern facility, and it was a real blessing to load trucks there and store the products we take to Mexico on a monthly basis.

In the spring of 2014 we were notified that the property might be sold. The owners had received a generous offer they could not refuse. With that being said, we once again found ourselves looking for a new location.

One of our long time supporters offered us the use of a building in Calimesa. All we had to do was to clean it and make some minor repairs.



Here's the work crew that spent part of a Saturday cleaning the building. Judging from the dirty clothes, this must be the "after" picture. Thanks to everyone for showing up and doing the work.

We will move to the new location in August and begin using it when we load trucks for the September trip.

50th Anniversary Celebration.

Our celebration luncheon was a great day. So many people donated food and time to make a wonderful meal that there are just too many to list. Special guests were the leaders of three ministries in Mexico who came to Redlands for the event. Thanks to all who helped make the celebration a success!

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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MCCA at a Financial Crossroad

For the past fifty years, MCCA, and the ministries that we serve in Baja California, have received, and have been blessed, with your financial and spiritual support. **Thank you**, and may God continue to bless you for all that you do for MCCA. You, our faithful supporters, have helped us feed thousands each month

It hasn't helped that Mexican border authorities prohibited us from taking oats (in June) and powdered milk (in July) into Mexico. These restrictions are continuing until we are told otherwise.

We are looking for reasonable and reliable sources for these products in Mexico, but what we have found so far has been more expensive than what we had paid for the same products for many years in the U.S.

The rising food costs in both Mexico and the U.S. are making it more difficult for MCCA to maintain its level of support for our

current recipients. The need is great, and most of those we already help do not receive any other regular donations of staple food items like those supplied by MCCA. There are many who need our help.

Some of you may not know that MCCA has no paid staff, just volunteers. Our drivers willingly pay for all their expenses to make the monthly trips delivering support into Baja California. Ninety-seven percent of all donations received by MCCA are spent directly on food, Bibles, and other items that are distributed to ministries in Mexico. The other three percent is spent on insurance, miscellaneous fees and costs. Other administrative costs are picked up by the members in order to maintain the three percent limit.

Please pray with us that more donors will join you in supporting MCCA. No amount is too small; our GOD can multiply all things for His honor and glory through MCCA and you.

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- (3) You will bless a charitable organization and those who are the ultimate recipients of your generosity.

If you are interested in learning more about such a donation, please contact MCCA treasurer, Judy Arnett at 909-729-3876

Betty Ornee Stuursma

On August 13, 2014, Betty went home to be with her Savior. Betty is survived by her loving husband of 69 years, Henry Stuursma, five of six children, eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren. Henry and Betty had a poultry farm in Mentone many years and were members of the River Reformed Church in Redlands.

Henry drove for MCCA for many years and he and Betty continued supporting MCCA even after Henry retired from his driving duties. Betty will be missed by many.

Prayer Requests

Please pray that we are financially able to continue our support in Mexico and be able to meet the needs of additional ministries

Please pray that we will once again be able to take fresh produce; our sources are still there if we can get permission.

Next trips; Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and Nov. 8