



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 for over 51 years.

Trip Reports-Changes on the Horizon By Judy Arnett

Many of you know that any time MCCA trucks carry cargo from the U.S. into Mexico, those trucks must enter through a designated "declaration" line. Border officials inspect the cargo, and then they either let us pass because we are a non-profit organization, or they assess a fee that can range between \$10 and \$50 (or more) per truck. For the past few years, prior to May 2016, there was no fee assessed. However, things were changing for us in 2016, and we were assessed what we considered exorbitant fees for the crossing of the border at Otay Mesa two months in a row--\$252 in May and \$400 in June.

Shortly before the July trip, four MCCA board members volunteered to go to Tijuana to seek help and guidance from Pastor Ana (Anita), our liaison with the Mexican government. She took us to the offices of El Chapparal, at the San Ysidro border crossing, where we met a woman who was sympathetic to our cause. She offered to work with Anita to help us meet the requirements of the Mexican border officials.

While still in Tijuana, the four MCCA board members went to the Costco store in Tijuana. We figured that the more we could purchase in Tijuana, the lower the fee might be at the border. We ordered sugar, oil, and laundry detergent from Costco for the July trip, which was just a few days away. We called our provider of oats and powdered soy milk in Mexico to see if he could have beans and rice for us by the following Saturday. He said he could. It was the first time, to my knowledge, that 14 trucks crossed the border empty and purchased all that we needed in Mexico! It was neither good nor bad—just a momentous occasion!

For the last three trips, we loaded four trucks with beans, rice, and Bibles and sent them across the border at El Chapparal with documentation required by the Mexican government. It worked! Each truck paid a nominal fee, and all were allowed to pass with only minor delays because of the advance work accomplished by Pastor Ana and her friend in the customs office at San Ysidro. It is our hope and prayer that we will be able to continue this practice.

October 8th trip report.

Four trucks carried beans and rice across the border. They were charged a minimal fee at the border and joined the rest of us at El Florido. We purchased the rest of our products at three locations in Tijuana: Costco, El Mercado de Abastos, and El Florido.



We then met at El Florido to redistribute the products. These businesses have been very accommodating to us in preparing our orders and allowing us to pay with a credit card, thus eliminating the need to carry cash! The remainder of the

trip went great. It was a beautiful day to spend serving the Lord and seeing all the children.

Turkey donation

The Morongo Band of Mission Indians has once again donated 75 turkeys for MCCA to distribute to Mexican ministries. They have made this donation in the past and have chosen to make it again this year. We, as well as the recipients in Mexico, are very grateful for this generous donation. Thank you, Morongo Band of Mission Indians.

Christmas shopping on Amazon helps MCCA

Is anyone planning to do some of their Christmas shopping on Amazon? If you are, you can help MCCA by using AmazonSmile. Simply sign up for Amazon smile and select MCCA as the charity you would like to support.

If you are an Amazon customer, you can use this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6155986>. If not, you can sign up through the same link. There is no additional cost to you, and Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price on all your eligible purchases.

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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Health care for the children

On a recent trip to Mexico, I attempted to find out about health care for the children. I spoke to a few orphanage directors, and some of the answers were differed, but there is health care for the children through "Seguro Popular." The coverage is free and is provided by the Mexican government. It covers most medical needs. These services are available at the general hospitals but not in more remote locations. In those areas, health care is obtained from local clinics that provide care at reduced rates or donated services and prescriptions. More severe conditions can be treated in the hospitals located in the larger cities.

Regarding dental care, I got different answers. One director said yes, it is covered; another said no. A third, director of Colina de Luz, had been praying for dentists, and a group of dentists from Tijuana agreed to provide care for all the children and staff at his orphanage. That is great news.

The bottom line is that there is care available, but the health care system is not always easy to navigate.

Pancake Breakfast



Come join us for a pancake breakfast at the Bethany Reformed Church in Redlands.

Many MCCA drivers and members will be there and can answer any questions you may have about this ministry. Maybe you would like to join us on a future trip into Mexico and see the young lives you are touching in the name of the Lord when you support MCCA.

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We Honor and Remember

Bill and Sandy Lewis made a donation in memory of Sandy's father **Art Cooper**. Art is considered one of the founders of MCCA. His love for the children, and his drive to help the children was endless. He mentored many of us that still go today.

Prayer Request

The Mexican government continues to force orphanages to make expensive safety upgrades. While these changes are good, many are having a difficult time paying for the improvements. Please pray they can satisfy the government demands and gain favor with the officials.

A prayer of thanks to the Lord for His continuing to meet the needs of MCCA through our supporters, and for those that do all the heavy lifting each month in the planning, preparing and making the trips happen.

Next trips: November 5 and December 3

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