



# MCCA Newsletter

**MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID**

May 2017

*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 this year have gone very well. Our time spent crossing the border into Mexico has been minimal, and all the products we purchase in Mexico were ready.

After crossing the border, the empty trucks go to El Florido Market in Otay Mesa, where the trucks that are inspected at the border and trucks with products purchased in Mexico converge to distribute products for the several different routes in Mexico.



Photo by Chris Glaze

Before leaving, we all gather for one last time of prayer together. The rest of the day is spent in groups of two or three trucks traveling together and making the deliveries.

## Remembering our past

At our March board meeting we decided to "name" the monthly trips after retired MCCA members.

The April trip was named to honor **Henry Stuursma**. Henry participated for many years, driving and working with MCCA. He was part of the group that would pick up produce prior to each trip, leaving home early Friday morning in order to get back in time to load trucks. He was one of the earlier workers with MCCA.



Henry Stuursma  
1992

The May trip honored **Herm Verhoeven**. Herm was among the first drivers from the 60's. His father-in-law, Ray Zimmer, one of the founders of MCCA in 1964, and Herm was there at the beginning. Herm drove until 2012, when he decided it was time to retire and leave the driving to someone else.



We are so thankful to have known these men who mentored us as we learned the ways of the road in Mexico.

## MCCA Signs By Judy Arnett

The by-laws for MCCA require that no less than 97% of our general income be spent on purchases of food and Bibles for our recipients. However, since our other expenditures usually exceed that amount, we rely on help from those with a heart for our ministry. This newsletter and others that follow will introduce one or more of those "silent supporters" who are part of our team.

Meet Bill and Donna Heemstra. Their contribution to MCCA has been to design and manufacture the magnetic signs that are displayed on the trucks of the MCCA drivers.



Bill's father, Ray, was an avid supporter of MCCA. He made many trips to Baja California, several with his wife, Betty. He had a sign business in Redlands, and he began making signs for all the drivers to attach to their trucks. Bill and his brothers became involved in their dad's business in 1978. After Ray retired, Bill and his brothers took over the business.



Bill met Donna in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They married in 1975 and made their own home in Redlands. Donna has worked for the company since 1980.

MCCA gratefully thanks Bill and Donna for their generous contributions!

## 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 year's donation was the largest yet, as more depositors linked their accounts to MCCA. There is no cost to the depositor and Provident Bank will make an annual donation to the non-profit organization of their choice. For more information, see Provident's website at:

<http://www.myprovident.com/businesscommunitypartner.asp> or call the Redlands branch at 909-793-2992.

Thank you again, **Provident Bank**.

## 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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**Help Endures by Loving People (H.E.L.P.)  
Los Elegidos Bible Club (The Chosen Ones)**



That's the name of the newest addition to the list of MCCA's supported ministries. Located in the Cañon Buena Vista (Zorrillo), the **H.E.L.P.** ministry was established in 2015 by Walter and Maribel Requejo to reach the youth of Zorrillo and Durango. Walter and Maribel Requejo, missionaries to Ensenada, Mexico, have been ministering and discipling kids with the gospel together since January of 2011.



The focus of the ministry is to provide Bible studies, Christian counseling and guidance to the youth where meals are provided for those who attend. In addition to the Bible club, they have ballet and music classes twice a week and, of course, a soccer team.

To learn more about this ministry, you can see their Facebook page and their web page.

<https://www.facebook.com/HopeEnduresByLovingPeople/>

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Zorrillo Ministry Center



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**Prayer Requests**

We try not to be repetitive, but our prayer requests remain the same each month, with the occasional exception. The truth is that without prayer and God moving in our behalf, this would all be empty works. We continually ask Him for His provisions, for favor with the Mexican officials, and for strength and safety as we make our monthly trips into Mexico. We also pray for the children and the staff, that God will continue to provide for their needs and that the children will grow up as followers of the Lord Jesus.

Again, we thank all the supporters of MCCA.

**Next trips: June 10, July 8, August 12**

*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*