



# MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

December 2015

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given*

*And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV)*



Ron Koning, MCCA President

## President's Letter

God has shown His grace and goodness again in 2015 as we have served Him in humility and gratitude while distributing His provision in the northern Baja California region of Mexico! We are His hands and feet in a long chain of service to Him as donors, drivers, riders, loaders, etc., having been called from a wide array of backgrounds to advance God's love and light in this ungodly world. We do this work not to gain God's favor or to cause Him to love and accept us; we do this service because He has already loved and redeemed us!

As God's children, we assume four positions in our relationship with Christ. The first position is to SIT. At the ascension, Jesus was seated at the right hand of God. (Mark 16:19) We are seated with Christ in heavenly realms (Ephesians 2:6). What does this mean? We learn to be in His presence, to know His love, His peace, and His power. We live in two places at the same time, here on earth and, in our hearts and spirits, with Jesus. Next, we are to STAND. We are to stand in truth and against Satan and all he has to throw at us. Then we are to WALK. Walking is a series of steps. Now, we are moving. What does the Bible teach about walking? We are to walk in love, in faith, in the light, and in the Spirit. First Thessalonians 4:1 says we walk to please God. Colossians 3:7-10 says we don't walk as the heathens do. Ephesians 5:15 says we are to look carefully as we walk, making the most of every opportunity. Lastly, we are to RUN. Paul likens the Christian life to a race, and races are run to finish!

As investors in God's kingdom, we look forward to eternal rewards as God blesses us! God does not need our money; all of creation already belongs to Him. God desires us to give because He knows we need to be givers in order to gain all His blessing. The Bible says where your treasure is, your heart will be also. It does not say where your heart is, your treasure will be also. We give first in obedience and gratitude, and our hearts will follow!

We wholeheartedly thank all who have sacrificed in many ways to bless the children and all who support them in Mexico! May we all continue to be faithful in our service to God in whatever way He calls! Let us sit in His presence, stand in His truth, walk in His light and love, and run to finish the race!

Ron Koning  
President, MCCA

## Recent Trip Report

The last few trips have gone very well. There have been no real issues going into Mexico despite the construction and road confusion at the border. The parking is still limited at the border inspection (Aduana) because of the ongoing construction.

December could be really busy with many groups and families that cross the border to visit at Christmas time. Nevertheless, the Lord has continued to bless us with favor with the Mexican officials and

allow us to pass through without fees or tariffs for more than a year. PRAISE GOD! The loading process at **El Florido** continues to go well. The manager and workers have been more than helpful.



## Special Thanks to our Faithful Supporters.

For a number of years now, **Stater Bros. Markets** have supported MCCA by discounting the laundry detergent we purchase each month. This is a blessing for all the ministries, especially those that care for the severely handicapped. Bedding and clothing of these children can be soiled a number of times a day, and to not have to buy detergent is a great blessing. Thank you, **Stater Bros.**, for caring about others in need.

Once again **The Morongo Band of Mission Indians** has donated 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.**

Thank you to **The River Church** of Redlands for many years of support. Last month The River Church sponsored a drive to collect turkeys for MCCA. A whole turkey goes a long way when preparing meals.

We also want to thank **The Unstoppables at Centerpoint Church** in Colton. This is a group of seniors that meets once a week for Bible study and prayer. They have helped on a number of occasions to prepare the newsletter for mailing. Thanks for the helping hands.

## 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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## Christmas in Mexico

Many orphanages have established their own traditions for this time of year. **Colina de Luz** begins Christmas morning with a Birthday song to Jesus. **The Mission**, an orphanage south of Ensenada, performs the Christmas story as a play for the community. At the **Door of Faith** orphanage, each dorm has its own Christmas tree. After opening presents on Christmas morning, a few of the leaders and several of the kids go to another orphanage to bring Christmas to the residents in the form of piñatas, small gifts, and lunch. The days before Christmas, many of the orphanages host Christmas parties for visitors. The groups bring presents and treats for the children, some of which are saved for January 6, a special day in Mexico. Known as 'Dia de Reyes' (Three Kings Day), this holiday, the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, represents the height of the Christmas season. The date commemorates the three wise men that traveled from afar, bearing gifts for the baby Jesus. The children of Mexico look forward to this holiday as, traditionally, gifts are exchanged on this date, not on Christmas Day, except for those living near the U.S. border where Christmas has become the gift giving day.

## Donation Reminder

In the month of December, many of you, myself included, make end-of-the-year donations to favorite charities. The funds received in December are a huge blessing because they carry us well into the next year, when expenses often exceed income.

If you are someone who has securities you're considering selling, you can donate those securities to a charitable organization and receive three benefits from your donation.

- (1) You may deduct the full fair market value of the securities as a charitable contribution for income tax purposes.
- (2) You will be exempt from paying federal capital gain taxes on the appreciated amount of the securities.
- (3) You will bless a charitable organization and those who are the ultimate recipients of your generosity.

We have received a donation by this method already and are very grateful for the mutual blessing of the gift and the giver. If you are interested in learning more about such a donation, please contact Judy Arnett at 909-792-3876.

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## Help MCCA with your AmazonSmile purchases

A few months ago we featured this program in the newsletter. This program allows purchasers to link a charity to their Amazon profile, and the charity will receive a contribution from Amazon. We started receiving checks from Amazon earlier this year. As we mentioned before, there is no extra expense; it's a way for Amazon to give back to the community. MCCA is one of the charities you can choose to support. We are grateful for AmazonSmile. If you're an Amazon customer, be sure to use this link: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6155986> so that all your eligible shopping will benefit MCCA. You can install a button on your browser that will take you directly to Amazon Smile login.

**Next trips in 2016:** January 9; February 6; March 5

## New Addition

By Judy Arnett

In November, the MCCA board voted to start providing support for an orphanage called Casa Hogar "Los Niños de Jesus." They are located south of Ensenada and will pick up their products at Gabriel House in Maneadero. At this time, the orphanage has only five residents, all of whom are there because neither their parents nor extended family members are willing and/or able to care for them. Now they live in a loving home. They go to school. Best of all, they receive Christian education at their home and at their church.

## Prayer request

At a recent board meeting Ron Koning exhorted us to pray we can once again get permission to take fresh produce across the border. Potatoes, carrots and onions are still available if we can get permission from the Mexican authorities. Please pray with us that we can get that approval.

*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*