



# MCCA Newsletter

**MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID**

February 2015

**Happy and Blessed New Year from MCCA**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17*

## Recent Trip Report

The January and February trips have gone very well. The inspection process at the border has gone well, and we're usually on our way with minimal delay. In the meantime, six empty trucks have already crossed the border empty and are beginning the loading process at the El Florido market in Otay Mesa, Baja California, Mexico, where we purchase flour, frozen chicken, and eggs for the various routes. Two of the six trucks have gone to another Mercado to purchase the oats and powdered milk that are not available at El Florido. Some months our order at the Mercado has not been ready, so we were forced to wait while they collected and packaged our products. That was not the case on the last couple of trips; our order was ready and waiting for us when we arrived.

The time waiting at El Florido is not wasted, though; one truck makes a delivery to TJ house and then returns to El Florido with bags of burritos for everyone. For many years (35?) the residents at TJ House have been preparing dozens (100+) of fresh burritos for us to snack on during the day. These are not the huge burritos you find in the U.S. restaurants. They are a bit smaller but made with fresh tortillas and filling, and are really tasty. Very few in our group turn down these treats.

The border wait times returning into the U.S. have been minimal, resembling the wait times from many years ago. At the end of a day of driving many miles in Mexico, it's a good feeling returning to the U.S., and the short wait times are just another blessing on top of a day seeing the Lord's work in Mexico.

We continue to thank God for all the safe travels and the ability to continue serving the children in Mexico.

## New officers

A new year brings a new slate of officers for 2015.

Ron Koning, our former vice president, is now president; Warren Arnett is our new vice president; Tom Rasmussen is our treasurer, and Helen Babcock has dropped the interim from her title and is continuing as secretary.

We can't say thanks enough to our retiring officers, Judy Arnett, who served many years as our treasurer; and Larry Feenstra, the former president. While no longer officers, they continue to serve the Lord through MCCA.

Please pray that God will bless our officers with wisdom and give them strength as they guide MCCA through this year.

## New ministries receive support from MCCA

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, the MCCA board of directors voted in January to add two more ministries. Mount of Olives Children's Village and Guarderia Dios Proveera, A.C. y Casa Hogar were added to our list of recipients, bringing the total to 60. Both of these ministries applied for help last fall, but there was a time when our projections showed we could run out of funds if our income did not increase. Our prayers were answered in December, when we received enough donations to provide help for more needy organizations.

Because of limited space, this month I'll tell you about Guarderia Dios Proveera, A.C. y Casa Hogar.

This facility is both a daycare center (guarderia) and an orphanage (casa hogar). The name of the ministry is Dios Proveera, which means God Will Provide.

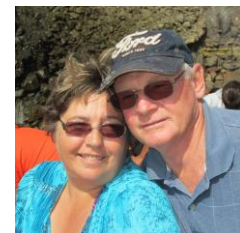
In 2009 Claire and Wayne Wagner founded this ministry in the Maneadero area after serving in other orphanages and daycares.

Currently, there are 43 children in the daycare center under the age of 5 and 21 in the orphanage, most of whom are 6 years and older. A staff of fourteen cares for children in the daycare; another 4 serve in the orphanage.

They are sponsored by Safe Care Mission International in Canada. Their Christian teaching for those in daycare includes daily prayer in the morning and at meals, as well as VBS songs and biblical stories. Those in the orphanage have daily prayer and devotionals. They attend church services along with the staff every Sunday. Their parents are encouraged to attend church with them.

The goal of the orphanage is to reunite the families, and they are offered Christian-based counseling to help them achieve that goal. To know more about this ministry, see the web page at:

<http://safecaremissioninternational.org/>



## 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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## Can Jesus be found in a hotrod?



That's what auto shop instructor Doug Combes at Rancho Sordo Mudo is hoping will happen. This year the auto shop class is building a Rat Rod as a class project. The students will learn all about a car by building one with hands on training. They will also be learning welding, fabrication, body and paint. The average wage in Mexico is \$7.00 to \$10.00 A DAY! "We are hoping to give these young men better than average skills so they can make a better than average wage. The class and car will be shown on our blog at <https://rsmratrodproject.wordpress.com/author/dougs393/>"

The car will be used as a teaching tool and when finished it will be sold with half the money going to start the next project and the other half going to the school. It is Doug's intention to hopefully repeat this process!!

Doug's wife Peggy wrote "Ron Van Grouw and the MCCA group were delivering food and we began talking about our auto shop project, everyone was very interested, we showed them the parts that we had and the vision on what we were doing with it. Ron and the group wanted to know what else was needed and they jumped in with both feet, providing us with many needed parts, advice and even a car to start next year's project. Ron and the MCCA group have been instrumental in keeping this project moving forward. I thank God for their partnership in all that we are doing."

It should be mentioned that the help Ron and other MCCA members are providing is from their own resources and no MCCA funds are used for this project

Rancho Sordo Mudo is a home and school for deaf children and has been serving the deaf in Mexico for over 40 years. You can learn more about the full ministry of Rancho Sordo Mudo on their web page: <http://ranchosordomudo.org/index.php>



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## Never forgotten

Once again MCCA has received gifts to honor the memory of loved ones who are now with the Lord

Charles and Lenie Bosman in memory of Lenie's parents, Adolf and Janny Koolhaas.

Charles and Margaret Molenkamp in memory of Charles (Chuck) Molenkamp, father of Charles

E. and S. Thiry in memory of Betty Stuursma

William and Sandra Lewis in memory of Art Cooper

Anna Mae and John Barrett in memory of her brother Harold Van Grouw

Ralph Roos in memory of Sid Hekman

Vern Van Voorst in memory of Clyde Van Diest

## A reminder

To receive the MCCA newsletter by email in lieu of U.S. mail, please send an email to: [bobandbecca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bobandbecca@sbcglobal.net)

## 2015 MCCA Schedule

Please note there was an error in last month's newsletter for the July date. The trip is scheduled for the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jan 10, Feb 7, Mar 7, Apr 11, May 9, Jun 6, Jul 11, Aug 15, Sep 12, Oct 10, Nov 7, Dec 5.

## Prayer requests

We still have products available to us that are free or significantly less expensive that we can't take across the border at this time. Please pray that the Lord will touch the Mexican officials and allow us to take these products into Mexico.

We still are in need of additional trucks and/or drivers. We have opportunities to provide more service to more ministries with additional workers. We thank God for drivers we have that bear all the expense of fuel, insurance, etc. for these monthly trips.

*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*