



# MCCA Newsletter

## MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

February 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

The first trip of 2017 went very well. Our time crossing the border into Mexico was minimal, and all the products we purchase in Mexico were ready. The wait at the border at the end of the trip was a bit longer this time, but everyone crossed just fine.

As our February trip approached, there was some concern about what we might face. With rumors of gas shortages and demonstrations along the border regarding our new president, we did not know what to expect. One thing we have learned in the past is to expect the unexpected. As it turned out, the trip went fine. The fact that some roads were a little muddy from recent rain was the biggest issue.

### What's in a Name?

In 2010, Juan Carlos Gonzalez and his wife Tania began making mission trips to "Your Brother's House," a ministry in Tijuana. Over the next couple of years, they made several trips to Tijuana. They met a pastor who was looking for a couple to take over his children's ministry. In



2012, they realized that this was the call God had placed in their hearts. In taking on this ministry, they now had to trust God. This was their first step of faith toward fulfilling the purpose God had for their lives. At that time there were



nine children living at the orphanage. There are now 15 children in their care. Their vision is to meet the spiritual, physical and emotional needs of the children, teach them the Word of God and develop the knowledge of Christ for their daily lives.

The ministry is named in the memory of their nephew Alexander Lubian, who lost his life in a tragic accident when he was only 19 years of age. He had a heart and passion for children in need, and he had a desire to visit the children at this ministry. Unfortunately, he never had that chance. Juan Carlos and Tania renamed the ministry to keep his memory alive and see his legacy live on in the children.



For more information, see their Facebook page at:

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

### New Ministry



At the December board meeting, the board approved a request for support from Ministerios Nueva Generacion

(MNG) in Tijuana. Luis Salinas is the Director of MNG, which had its beginning 16 years ago when he started providing a safe place for at-risk boys. He found them in the dump, in the red light district, and in their homes, where life was not a happy place. (MNG) is a Christ-centered home that currently has 18 boys, ages 6-18, living there. It is Luis' goal



for the ministry to counsel not only the boys, but also the families, and "ultimately, reunite them with their families in a Christian home." Their primary U.S. sponsor is Kingdom Builders Ministry

(KBM) of Orange County California. For more information about Ministerios Nueva Generacion, see their Facebook page at : <https://www.facebook.com/Ministerios-Nueva-Generaci%C3%B3n-111338012240995/?fref=ts>.

For information about KBM, see their web page at: <http://www.kingdombuildersministry.net/>

### We Honor and Remember

We recently received many end-of-the-year gifts in honor of loved friends and family members.

**Herman and Joan Fransen** honored the memory of their brother-in-law **Art Cooper**. **William and Sandra Lewis** want to honor **Art's** memory as well.

**Vern van Voorst** honored the memory of **Clyde van Diest**.

**John and Anna Mae Barrett** want to honor **Harold Van Grouw**.

**Robert & Glenda Molencamp** want to honor the memory of **Chuck Molencamp** and **Bud DeYoung**.

**Eunice Thiry** would like to honor **Henry Stuursma**.

**Denver and Marilyn Reeves** are honoring the memory of **Ray Hooper**.

### 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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From Niños de Baja's December newsletter: **"Wonderful news for our orphanage!"**



"A few years ago, Mexico established strict rules that govern how orphanages must operate. The goal was to ensure that all children in Mexican orphanages receive excellent care.

Since then, our Director of Mexico Operations, Hector Najera Palafox, has worked tirelessly to comply with the many new requirements - and his efforts really paid off.

There are more than 50 orphanages in Baja California. Early this month, we became the FIRST orphanage in Baja California to be fully certified under the new rules. An official ceremony for our orphanage was held in Mexicali, and the Governor of Baja California presented to certificate to Hector. This whole process was expensive for us, but so worth it!"



Hector Najera Palafox received the certificate from the governor of Baja

Many of the orphanages are still struggling to meet the safety requirements. Please continue to lift them all in prayer that they can continue to care for the children and make the necessary improvements.

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Another truckload for the warehouse from the early 80's



Little man at El Souzal is excited to see us!

**Prayer Requests**

Please continue to pray that we have favor with the Mexican officials we deal with. The inspectors at the border have been very gracious, but they do have to follow the rules regarding imported goods.

There has been talk about relaxing the restrictions on fresh produce. Please pray that we can resume taking these items across the border.

Please pray as well that the children we deliver food to will come to know the Lord Jesus Christ and that we do this because the Lord knows their need and loves them.

Many orphanages are still struggling to meet the new safety regulations. Keep them in your prayers as well.

*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*