



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

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CELEBRATING SERVING THE LORD IN BAJA SINCE 1964

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

Recent Trip Report

The September and October trips have gone quite well. We reported earlier that we are now purchasing flour, frozen chicken, and eggs at El Florido in Otay Mesa, Baja California, Mexico. El Florido is similar to Costco in that it is a warehouse store. The managers and staff have been more than helpful having our order ready and loading the trucks when we arrive. One of the biggest burdens lifted from MCCA was the necessity of carrying cash to purchase some of the products. El Florido accepts wire transfers for a small fee. We have also been able to purchase the three products at one location, and this saves time in what can be a long day.

The source in Mexico for the oats and powdered milk is still not as dependable as we would like. They don't like to prepare the order until we are there and at times do not have the amount requested. We trust the Lord to provide a dependable source for these items.

One other really nice development has been the border crossing back into the U.S. The wait time has been very short; in fact, when we got to the border in September, some drivers were able to go straight to the gate with no wait at all. A nice blessing after a day of driving in Mexico!

September also marked the first month of loading from our new location in Calimesa. The space is smaller than what we have used in the past, but the rent is more than reasonable, **FREE!**

Spending time with the children

We want to share a few pictures from the recent trips. So often in the course of the planning and the trip, our focus tends to be the immediate task and not the children we help. Thankfully, some of our group did not lose sight of this. Doug Spoelstra spent time with this group at one orphanage.



Ron Koenig gathers a crowd of children wherever he goes. Something about being a kid at heart. One last picture. Here are some of the kids



enjoying their reflection in a truck bumper. Looks like there is more than one reason to wash our trucks before serving the Lord in Mexico.



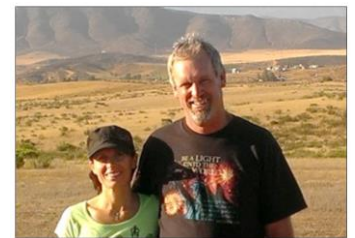
Rancho Santa Marta



Rancho Santa Marta is an orphanage and a school for special needs children with learning disabilities. It is located on a 450 acre working ranch, about 70 miles south of Ensenada.

MCCA has been supporting this ministry since the mid 1980's, about the same time that Bill and Kaye Lawrence became the administrators. After 33 years leading Rancho Santa Marta (RSM) they are retiring. They will continue as advisors and visiting supporters.

Rod and Tina Struiksm are now the administrators of RSM. They have been on staff of RSM for many years will continue the work the Lawrence's have been doing for so many years, that of serving the Lord by caring for his children in Mexico.



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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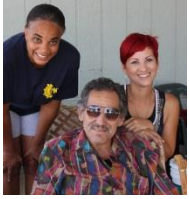
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MCCA member Tina, Ernesto and daughter Berenice.

Ernesto David Hernandez

Life in Christ: 1976-2014

On September 5, 2014 Ernesto entered into eternal life after serving the Lord for many years in Tecate, Baja California, Mexico. He and his wife Bertha received the Lord in 1976 at a rehab facility after, in his words, “a life of vice and perversion”. The message of the Love of Jesus was “like a glass of refreshing water”.

After two years studying at a Bible institute, he and Bertha began their new life of serving the Lord.

Ernesto’s ministry had many facets. He had a ranch for youths 12-17 years of age. There they would grow in their faith, and also growing food for themselves and others the ministry served.

Ernesto also had a heart for prisoners. Before he had accepted the Lord, he had run-ins with the law and he knew that Christ was the way out of that lifestyle. He ran a half-way house for recently released prisoners in El Hongo where they were prepared for their new life in society and were taught of a New Life in Christ.

Ernesto experienced declining health during the past few years, but he continued to serve the Lord as best he could until he could no longer do so. MCCA began supporting Ernesto in the 1980’s and continued to support him through this year.

We thank God for the many lives that were reached during Ernesto’s time serving the Lord. Well done, faithful servant of the Lord

Ernesto is survived by his wife, Bertha, their four children—Berenice, Ernie, Nat, and Elena—and several grandchildren.

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A Reminder

In last month’s newsletter we told you about a new program for giving and thought it was worth repeating. For folks that have securities (stocks and/or bonds) that have appreciated, and are considering selling them, 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 MCCA treasurer, Judy Arnett at 909-792-3876

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Prayer Requests

We continue to get requests to provide support to new ministries. We have two such requests at this time. Both are full time ministries that have orphanages and extend support to additional children in the form of daycare and meals. We need the Lord’s direction as to how many more ministries to add.

Next trips: November 8; December 6 & January 10, 2015