



MCCA Newsletter

MEXICAN CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S AID

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And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. Matt 18:5 NIV

San Quintin Valley Area

A MCCA team traveled to Colina de Vecente Guerrero to visit 3 MCCA supported orphanage and day care centers. This area is about 100 miles South of Ensenada. On the way, the group stayed at Rancho Santa Marta thanks to our host Bill Lawrence (<http://www.ranchosantamarta.org/>). Until we can write more, here are web sites and pictures of the places we visited.



The MCCA group first visited Cristo Por Su Mundo (shown above) which is supported by Foundation For HIS Ministries and is one of the largest orphanages (80 orphans, 40 day care) we have visited. (http://www.ffhm.org/who_main.htm)



We then visited Casa Hogar Bienvenidos day care center. Abel Hurtado (above in the pantry) and wife Rosa are directors and serve 40 children (<http://www.welcomehomeoutreach.org>)



Our last stop was the La Huerta Guarderia day care center in a rough neighborhood. Ruth-Ann Waterhouse (above) is the director and serves 20 children with little support and no utilities but electricity. Note the children's outhouse on the left. (http://www.fightlikeaman.org/orchard_daycare_center.htm)

Mission

Mexico 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.

Chloe's Story

Hi, my name is Chloe Ann. I am 14 months old, and I live at a wonderful place called Gabriel House of Mexico. I was born in a little hospital in Tijuana, Mexico, and was diagnosed positive for HIV. When I was 3 weeks old, they brought me to Gabriel House, where I came to live with my new Mommy Kim. She and the Directors prayed for me, and Jesus healed me of HIV and a tumor in my right eye. My mommy tells everyone what Jesus did for me, and when I get old enough to speak, I'm going to tell the whole world about Jesus and how He died for all of us and how much he wants us whole. He is a good God!



Photo by Norman Mathis

I like going places with my mom. She takes me to a neat place called Miracle Ranch, where there are a lot of other children. I get to see all of the people who bring us food from MCCA. They are all so wonderful, and I don't know why, but they're always taking my picture. I guess I'll find out one day what all the excitement is about. My mom and I want to thank all of you for all the love you show us. God bless you mucho.

Chloe Ann



Photo by Norman Mathis

P.S. I'm being adopted by Mama Kim, and I'll be hers forever. <http://www.gabrielhouseofmexico.com/index.htm>

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Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club

MCCA receives help from many various sources. It takes a lot of cooperative help to keep our organization going. One of our wonderful helpers is the local Redlands Sunrise Rotary Club. The Club, founded in 1984, was looking for more international contacts to help. Where better than to begin in Mexico, so close to the USA border? Sunrise Rotary was introduced to MCCA and has been a helping partner since December, 2000. They began by buying a large turkey for each orphanage MCCA helps. They wait until the stores have their annual Thanksgiving turkey sales, contact a local store and arrange to buy 50 turkeys. These are usually brought to Mexico on the December trip. For the last two years, Sunrise Rotary has purchased turkeys at Thanksgiving time and more than 50 hams at Christmas. This is wonderful help because there is so much food value from these large meat products. And, many thanks to Stater Brothers Markets who helps Sunrise Rotary to help us by making turkeys and hams available!



Bert Block, Tom Wardell & Sam Irwin (back) plan a Rotary work team visit with orphanage Directors, Arlene & Jon Reynolds.

Sunrise Rotary members occasionally accompany us on our trips and we really value their help. As the Club accompanied us, they saw more needs and wanted more involvement. For several years they filled gift shoe boxes for several orphanages and delivered them with us on the December trip. Three years ago they decided to concentrate on just one orphanage, Let The Little Children Come, located in Maneadero. (continued)



Tom Wardell and Sam Irwin distribute eggs at Miracle Ranch

Rotary Club (continued)

Each month they contact the directors and learn of special needs. Members contribute each month to buy whatever is needed and send the special "package" to the orphanage along with the monthly MCCA trip. In addition, they make an annual work party trip with several members for some significant "hands on" work and give gifts to the children at Christmas. We are grateful for Sunrise's help and look forward to their ongoing commitment in the ministry to the poor and orphaned children in Baja, Mexico. More information about Redland Sunrise Rotary is on their web site: <http://www.redlandssunriserotary.org/>

Article by Bert Block

Border News

Getting into Mexico has been relatively easy the past few months. However, there continues to be a ban on meat, bulk quantities of beans, rice, potatoes, powdered milk, eggs and poultry products. The result of these restrictions is a lack of the most important high protein food staples that are needed by the orphanages. We solicit prayer for some way to once again bring these items. In spite of these restrictions we continue to deliver 25 tons of food during each trip. This is being done by purchasing more items such as eggs, meat, and flour in Mexico. This results in significantly more cost so your prayers and support are encouraged to allow this ministry to continue and to grow, despite the various forms of opposition we face.

Getting out of Mexico is another prospect. The wait time coming into the US has typically been 1.5 hours or more, although, the drivers don't mind this small inconvenience to be the hands and feet of God. Make a point to join us if you haven't been able to do so recently.

Board News Briefs

- The MCCA Board meets at The River CR Church in Redlands at 7:30 pm on the Monday following each MCCA trip.
- November 6** – Due to requests, approval to increase bible donations by 50 per month; requests for additional rice and beans approved.
- December 11** – Helen Babcock becomes Board Secretary, all other officer positions remain the same; R. DeWitt thanked for past work; discussed work to obtain permits for restricted goods.
- January 8** – Increase in canned good donations; egg prices going up, now delivering to new City of Refuge orphanage location.
- February 5** – Special trip to Colina de Vecente Guerrero area went well. Drivers to avoid taking materials not listed on the permit.
- March 5** – New mission statement adopted, stressed importance of drivers understanding their Mexican insurance coverage.

MCCA 2007 Trip Schedule

Mar 31, Apr 28, Jun 2, Jun 30, Aug 4,
Sept 8, Oct 6, Nov 3, Dec 8