



# MCCA Newsletter

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The kids and caregivers at City of Refuge in Tijuana, Martha Lopez Director(center)

May God bless you richly during the coming Christmas season and New Year.  
Christ "The Cornerstone" is the center of this and every season as well as everything we do.

## Border News

Mexican Border Authorities are still not allowing the transport of beans, potatoes, poultry meat and eggs into Mexico. In July, the entire caravan of trucks was turned around at the Mexican border. We offloaded these products from each truck on the U.S. side and sent back one full truck of beans and one full of potatoes before we could enter Mexico. These products constitute some of the most important staples that we can provide to over 2600 individuals in orphanages and missions in Mexico. We are checking with Mexican border authorities on a regular basis concerning the approvals needed at the Mexican border for these items. We have had meetings with US officials, the Mexican Consulate, and import brokers to try to find the right solutions to allow us bring the food once again for those who are hungry. May God's glory show bright and pure in all things.

## Trip Reports

There have been many things happening with MCCA during October and November. The first item needs your continuous prayer for those involved. On Saturday, November 9, we were on our regular monthly support trip into Baja Mexico when one of the MCCA trucks was involved with a head-on collision with another pickup truck. The accident left a Mexican driver dead at the scene; his son and two of our men were seriously injured. The two MCCA members received follow-up surgery and are recovering. Please pray for the families, and the healing of all involved, especially for God's compassion and comforting love for the Mexican family who lost a loved one in this tragedy.

The trip on Saturday, December 7, went very well. 200 Beanny Baby gifts were distributed and the Redlands Rotary distributed 225 "shoe box" gifts at 3 orphanages. Keep those served and the servers in your prayers.

## Board News Briefs

The MCCA Board meets every four weeks on the Monday evening following each MCCA trip.

**July** - border restrictions discussed.

**August** - need permits for each truck. Will use multiple stateside storage facilities to distribute certain foods.

**September** - working to identify bilingual support people.

**October** - L. Feenstra joins Board. Vehicle donated.

**November** - Mexican insurance clarification. Further contact with Mexican Consulate. Board will reimburse ambulance fees from accident. Prepare schedule for 2003.

**December** - Same officers elected for 2003. Ed O'Brien - Pres., Fred Jacobs - V.P., George Isaak - Secretary, & Art Cooper - Treasurer. Voted drivers must carry liability, legal & medical with Mexican Insurance.

## MCCA Luncheon

Members of the Bethany Reformed Church of Redlands honored MCCA members on Sunday, November 10 with a luncheon. The program recalled some of the astounding facts concerning MCCA, which has operated for 38 years, and honored the memory of Clyde Van Diest, a long time member of MCCA as well as Bethany Reformed Church. Thank you to all who participated in making this a very special occasion for all of us.

## Gloria a Dios

Thanks to God for the gift of His Son, our Savior.

Thanks for those who help to supply the food we deliver.

Thanks for those who so willingly give of their time to help us pick up, load and deliver the food.

Thanks for the dedicated Christian workers in Mexico.

Thanks for healing provided to those injured in Nov.

Thanks for opportunity to serve GOD by serving others.

## 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 Mexican children by providing food and other assistance to local Christian organizations. At least 97% of all funds received are used directly for food, bibles, and other aid provided to Christian organizations in Mexico.

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