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Children from the Orphanage Nueva Esperanza Hogar Para Ninos in Tijuana, Mexico.
And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. Matt 18:5

We give thanks to God and pray that you and your family may be richly blessed during the Holiday season.

BORDER NEWS

MCCA seemed to be making progress with border officials until the trip of Nov. 15. Prior to that time, Mexican Border Authorities were allowing MCCA to transport some beans into Mexico. The process was not without problems but we were thankful to God that this important staple could once again be brought to the needy children. This was made possible with a permit we had received for this purpose; however, there was waiting time for border authorities to accept the permit and we were asked to pay import fees ranging from \$20 to \$70. On our regularly scheduled trip of Nov. 15, we brought along a quantity of potatoes with a similar permit. A new border official greeted us and told us our permits were not valid and that we were violating the law. He then threatened to stop the entire food ministry. We ended up taking the beans and potatoes off the trucks and loading them on two trucks that were sent back across the border to the USA. Once this was done, the official allowed the rest of the trucks to pass through the border stop and continue with the planned trip. We were thankful the trip could continue but greatly disappointed that months of work with US State Department, Mexican Consulate and Mexican Border officials had resulted in this setback. Nonetheless, we are thankful and continue the work to obtain all of the approvals necessary to once again bring in beans, potatoes, poultry meat, and eggs. These products constitute some of the most important staples provided to over 2600 individuals in orphanages and missions in Mexico. We are assured that, with God, all things are possible. We desire your prayer and petitions to remove this roadblock to the MCCA food ministry so that the name of God may be glorified

TRIP REPORTS

Although there have been difficulties at the border, the trips to pick up supplies and produce as well as the delivery trip to Mexico have generally gone very well this year. We have also been blessed with the assistance of some new truck drivers including Ron Koning, Joe Martin, and Robert Moore. Thanks to all of our drivers for the generous donation of time, trucks and fuel to this vital ministry.

BOARD NEWS BRIEFS

The MCCA Board meets every 4 to 5 weeks at 7:30 PM on the Monday evening following each MCCA trip.

- January 6** – Donation amount up in Dec., received pink slip for donated vehicle.
- February 3** - Liability insurance carrier terminating our coverage; investigating plaques for major donors.
- March 3** - New liability carrier obtained; working to meet with Mexican Agriculture and Customs officials.
- March 31** - Now required to pay \$40 border fees.
- April 28** - Working on border issues with US Consulate to Tijuana; need for more workers discussed.
- June 2** - Having trouble finding affordable Spanish Bibles; to distribute request for Spanish translation help on trips.
- June 30** - Seeking a source of eggs in US or Mexico.
- July 28** - Donated vehicle received in Mexico; 6 sacks of beans accepted with permit at border on Sat. trip.
- August 25** - members prayerfully consider the expansion of the MCCA mission field.
- September 22** - Some recipients requesting Bibles; decision to purchase 1,000 Bibles @ \$2.40 ea.
- October 20** - Working on sales tax exemption, e.g. detergent; to use CB channel 10 exclusively on trips.
- November 24** - Meeting postponed 1 week due to member illness. Border officials now want official request for beans & potatoes from each orphanage for each trip. \$300 donated for playground equip. to Casa De Esperanza.

MCCA TRIP SCHEDULE FOR 2004

Jan 10, Feb. 7, Mar. 6, Apr. 3, May 8, Jun. 5,
Jul. 10, Aug. 14, Sep. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 6, Dec. 4.

GLORIA A DIOS

Thanks to God for the gift of His Son, our Lord and 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 opportunity to serve GOD by serving others.

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| <p>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 <u>97%</u> of all funds received are used directly for food, Bibles, and other aid provided to Christian organizations in Mexico.</p> | <p>BOARD CONTACTS: Ed O'Brien (909) 338-2745 eobshouse@aol.com Art Cooper (909) 797-8374 Artcooper5@aol.com Gerhard Medema (909) 792-2081 gmedema@pcinternet.net Henry Stuursma (909) 794-1902</p> <p>NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Larry Feenstra lfeenstra@att.net</p> <p>MCCA Web Site: http://members.tripod.com/mexaid</p> |

Tomorrow Never Comes

By Norma Cornett Marek

If I knew it would be the last time,
That I'd see you fall asleep,
I would tuck you in more tightly,
And pray the Lord your soul to keep.

If I knew it would be the last time,
That I see you walk out the door,
I would give you a hug and a kiss,
And call you back for just one more.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I'd hear your voice lifted up in praise,
I would tape each word and action,
And play them back throughout my days.

If I knew it would be the last time,
I would spare an extra minute or two
To stop and say, "I love you,"
Instead of assuming you know I do.

So just in case tomorrow never comes,
And today is all I get,
I'd like to say how much I love you,
And I hope we never will forget.

Tomorrow is not promised to anyone,
Young or old alike,
And today may be the last chance,
You get to hold your loved one tight.

So if you're waiting for tomorrow,
Why not do it today?
For if tomorrow never comes,
You'll surely regret the day

That you didn't take that extra time,
For a smile, a hug or a kiss,
And you were too busy to grant someone
What turned out to be their one last wish.