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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

MANEADERO AREA

In a very real sense, not one of us is qualified but it seems that God continually chooses the most unqualified to do His work, to bear His glory. If we are qualified, we tend to think that we have done the job ourselves. If we are forced to accept our evident lack of qualification, then there's no danger that we will confuse God's work with our own or God's glory with our own. Madeleine L'Engle



Sunrise over Maneadero and Ensenada Bay Photo by L. Feenstra

It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20, NLT

MCCA representatives made a special trip in January to the Maneadero area orphanages which are just south of Ensenada. We visited El Reino de los Ninos, Casa Hogar Canon Buena Vista, Casa Esperanza, Concilio Educativo, Pequenos Hermanos, Let the Little Children Come, Foundation for Hands Extended, and Gabriel House. Pete and Janice Van Dyken hosted our stay at their wonderful Casa Blanca Retreat which overlooks Ensenada Bay. We observed the work of God in each place that we visited and we commend the leaders and staff who care and live with these needy children 24 hours a day.



Visit El Reino de los Ninos ... and she will take your picture!

MCCA - SOS

MCCA needs your help both in prayer and financially. Due to a drop in support and very low funds, the MCCA Board at the June meeting decided to stop providing Sugar, canola Oil and Soap for the month of August because these items are expensive and less critical. We don't seek specific replacement of these items but ask that you PLEASE pray for God's leading and pray for an increase in financial support by those who can support this ministry generously. Thank you.

WEB SITE NEWS

MCCA has a new web site. The site has general information about MCCA, a calendar of trips, Board member listing, contact information, online donation page, and a DVD link that gives more information about MCCA and the monthly trips to Mexico. The link to the new site is: www.mccaredlands.org. Please visit!



BORDER NEWS

Getting into Mexico has gone well for 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 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 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 to it.

Getting out of Mexico is another prospect. The wait time coming into the US can be up to 1.5 hours or more, although, it has been less lately, apparently because of less travel due to the higher cost of fuel. Obtaining fuel in Mexico is not a sure thing since government run fuel stations are rationed to two 20,000 liter deliveries per week. The drivers don't mind these small inconveniences in order to be the hands and feet of God. Please join us on a trip to experience this for yourself.

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.

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Return Service Requested

MANADERO AREA (CONTINUED)



A slow eater at Casa Hogar Canon Buena Vista



Care of severely handicapped children at Gabriel house



A separate home for AIDS babies at Gabriel house

MANADERO AREA (CONTINUED)



The group prepares to leave Casa Blanca Retreat

PASSPORTS NEEDED

Do you have plans to join a mission trip to Mexico? Passports are not yet required but they expedite the return to the US. Without a passport you must present both a form of identification such as a driver's license and proof of citizenship such as a birth certificate. Some applicants are waiting 6 months to obtain new passports. Be sure to apply for a passport now if you plan to travel or join a mission trip to Mexico! American citizens can visit travel.state.gov or call 1-877-4USA-PPT (1-877-487-2778) for information on applying for a passport.

BOARD NEWS BRIEFS

The MCCA Board meets at The River CR Church in Redlands, CA. at 7:30 pm on the Monday following each Mexico trip.

- January 7** – Developing criteria to be met prior to supporting new orphanages.
- February 4** – Received donation of turkeys from Costco.
- March 3** – Approved criteria for new organizations to receive support.
- March 31** – Approval to try a new extra long trip to the Maneadero area to reduce the distance orphanages south of Ensenada need to travel.
- May 5** – Approved video DVD for distribution and posting on the web site. Extra long trip trial scheduled for August.
- June 2** – A member has documented most trip stops with GPS coordinates and maps to make it easier for drivers to take an unfamiliar route. Thanks Tom.
- June 30** – New brochures printed, depleted finances discussed.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Praise and Honor to our Lord for MCCA and its mission.
- Opportunities for continued financial giving and support.
- Wisdom in the operations and distribution of the products according to God's will.

2008 MEXICO TRIP SCHEDULE

Aug. 2 (5 weeks), Sept. 6, Oct. 4, Nov. 8, & Dec. 6