



# MCCA Newsletter

MEXICO 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*

## Border News

2006 has been quite a year of trial and blessing. Mexican officials have added meat to the list of food items that we can not bring into the country. Other items that continue to be restricted are 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. In the past, MCCA delivered 65 tons of rice and 75 tons of beans per year but we are down to 60% of that this year. Yet, we are delivering 25 tons of food during each trip!! We are doing this by purchasing more items such as eggs, meat, and flour in Mexico, however, this results in significantly more cost. Your prayers and support are encouraged to allow this ministry to continue and to grow, despite the various forms of opposition we face. Also pray that the MCCA petition for a special Federal permit will be approved and that its terms will be affordable and workable for our organization.

## Testimonials

Just want to thank you and MCCA for your extraordinary generosity. El Hogar Infantil appreciates your food donation so much. Our children are so well nourished because of outstanding Christian groups such as yours.

Justin Knabb, Augustinian Volunteer, for El Hogar Infantil, La Gloria



A Marine from 29 Palms, Warren Arnett, and Ron Van Grouw with children from Hogar Infantil in Tijuana, BC.

*What great news, Praise Yahweh! We wanted you to know how the Lord comes right on time again and again. Yesterday we got 6 new children, approximately ages 2 years to 9 years. They speak NO Spanish and no dialect familiar to this area. A few days before we got these precious ones, they had burned down their cardboard shack trying to cook because they are accustomed to being alone from 6:30am to 7:30pm. I will try to send you a photo.*

*We desire to express our deepest gratitude, words just don't do it, but we send a great big "Thank You" and Praise the King of Kings! We look forward to seeing you. Your servants in Christ.*

Pastors Francisco & Detra Avila, Concilio Educativo

## Ensenada Area News



### Casa del Pastor (Shepherd's Home)

In January, several members of MCCA visited Casa del Pastor, a home for abandoned and/or abused women and their children located on a dirt road in the small community of San Vicente, about 1 1/2 hours south of Ensenada. There, we met Jeanie Sue (aka Juanita) Phegley, one of the directors of Casa del Pastor, who explained their mission. The women and children are referred by church organizations, missionaries, orphanages, or civil authorities. Each family that is accepted at Casa del Pastor is given a furnished room, food, and clothing. The children are enrolled in school.

In return, the mothers agree to work in a paying job and save their wages toward the purchase of a small piece of property. When the property is paid in full, Casa del Pastor makes arrangements for an organization to build a small house on the lot, free of charge to the mother. In the meantime, Casa del Pastor counsels the mother and teaches her how to become self-sufficient. She and her children are exposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ; they take part in daily devotions and attend church. The Christian walk is modeled on a daily basis.

There are currently approximately 15 families at Casa del Pastor. Their present living quarters are small and crowded. A new, larger facility is under construction, which proceeds as funds are provided. The main source of their support is Calvary Chapel Moreno Valley, but they rely on other organizations too, to help meet their many and various needs. MCCA provides basic food supplies once a month. A part-time employee named Raul drives the 3-hour round trip to Miracle Ranch (north of Ensenada) each month to pick up the food.

It was a blessing for us to meet Jeanie Sue and to see firsthand how much the assistance provided by MCCA is needed and appreciated!



Some boys playing and Jeanie Sue (aka Juanita) Phegley, Director

Article by Judy Arnett

## 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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**Bud DeYoung**

Involvement with M.C.C.A. requires a heart for people in Mexico. In looking at the history of M.C.C.A. that certainly was the case for one of the men who went to Mexico for many years, Bud DeYoung. There was a chicken barbecue organized by Ray Zimmer at the park to raise interest in M.C.C.A. and Bud supplied the chickens and he stayed involved for over 35 years. Larry Feenstra, a man with an active heart for Mexico today, asked me to write this article mentioning Bud DeYoung, in order to get some of the history of M.C.C.A. on paper. The idea is that mission work has a family connection. One thing for the wives of these businessmen is that their husbands are gone to "the front line" on a regular basis. Dorie, Bud's wife, recalls that he always considered Mexico Saturday to be a priority.

I remember pastor Ed Rea at services for Bud in Redlands, 3 and 1/2 years ago, asked everyone present at the cemetery to consider their own relationship with Jesus and to get it in order; he knew that Bud would want that said. It was the case, particularly during his later years with M.C.C.A. that Bud would lift up the name of Jesus. I believe lifting up Jesus is an expression of a truly deep love for people. In today's terms, being a witness for Jesus was/is the purpose. For the record, Bud seemed to get energized by seeing God's hand in allowing the M.C.C.A. trucks to cross the border. He had a well-founded faith in Jerry Hamill to keep his truck running. The truck not only went to Mexico but it would also be taken earlier in the week up to Bakersfield for a load of carrots. On Mexico days, Bud was always impressed with the Marines that would pitch in. In fact Nick Cristopplis, one of the Marines, is active at Calvary Chapel in Redlands today. Family members remember: Bud had a special relationship with Pepe, a blind fellow at an orphanage by Les Lopez. Bud at one time helped someone get started in a chicken business in Mexico, but they ended up eating the chickens. In contrast, Bud enjoyed pastor Carlos Garcia and the work at Sordo Mudo, an orphanage for the deaf. Bud often mentioned Chuy Davalos a good friend of Ray Zimmer. A special time was when Dad and all of his adult daughters went together to Mexico! Bud thought Carmen Serdan, an orphanage for disabled children was a special place.

Yes, Bud saw one of his granddaughters, Theresa, graduate from Azusa Pacific University, and two are there now. In fact, Theresa's wedding was one of the last family gatherings Bud was able to attend.

In conclusion, one could construe that consuming an extra cup of coffee and paying taxes helps fight malnutrition in Honduras. However, anyone familiar with M.C.C.A. knows that there are men committed to doing much more, including participating in a dimension of eternal security, by going to Mexico with needed supplies. Praise God for those with a heart for people and I think that Bud DeYoung had just such a heart.

Submitted by Paul DeWaard, son in law to the late Bud DeYoung.



Richard DeWitt, Steve Looy & Bud DeYoung at Miracle Ranch.

**MCCA Support Team**

The wherewithal to run the MCCA food ministry comes from a special group of people who provide regular support through time spent in prayer for our needs, time spent doing the business of MCCA and the donation of money and other goods. We thank God for every one of our supporters. If you would like to join the MCCA support team, please contact one of our Board members. Besides monetary support, we can always use volunteers to drive and load trucks, prepare and mail newsletters, and help deliver the food every 4 weeks. We are also interested in donations of dried and easily transported foodstuffs that are acceptable for transport to Mexico. We look forward to hearing from you if this sounds interesting.

In this issue, we honor an individual who helped for many years with the work of MCCA. We thank God for the faithful MCCA founding work of Bud DeYoung.

**Board News Briefs**

- The MCCA Board meets once a month at The River Church in Redlands at 7:30 pm on the Monday following each MCCA trip.
- January** – Pallet of bibles delivered, working on commercial permit.
  - Feb.** – Good special trip to Casa Del Pastor, Rancho Santa Marta.
  - March** – To support new girls home, Casa de Ninias.
  - April** – Working on mission statement, more food requests.
  - May** – Looking for meat source in TJ, water purifiers from Rotary.
  - June** – 2 wheelchairs to Carmen Serdan, meat from TJ went well.
  - July** – Purchasing 3 ice chests, praying to grow MCCA, food req.
  - August** – Empty trucks through non-declaration line at border.
  - September** – Jim & Helen Babcock added to Board, cost of eggs & meat in Mexico is rising, 50 chairs to Boulevard Baptist Ch.
  - October** – Working to acquire hams and turkeys for December.

**MCCA Trip Schedule**

Nov 4, Dec 9, Jan 6, Feb 3, Mar 3, Mar 31, Apr 28, Jun 2  
(note there is no trip in May, 2007)