



Misión México is a refuge for abused, abandoned and neglected children from extreme poverty

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British pro surfer rides the Mexican Wave

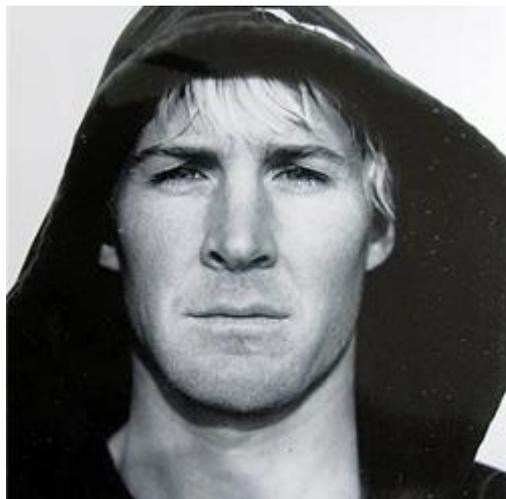
Andrew Cotton, pro British surfer rides the Mexican Wave to support children's refuge, Misión México.

Surfers and non-surfers alike are being invited to ride the waves on International Surfing Day, Thursday 20th June, and all weekend, to raise funds for the children at Misión México who are learning to overcome their pasts and develop critical life skills through surfing.

Misión México is a charity like no other; it was established in November 2000 by Australian couple Pam and Alan Skuse, adoptive parents for children who have been abused, neglected, abandoned and from extreme poverty. This refuge has established a unique surfing community which they have pioneered in Tapachula, a coastal city in Mexico's Pacific Ocean. Most of the children had never seen the ocean or knew how to swim before living at Misión México. Surfing teaches them water safety, lifesaving skills and gives them an escape from the harsh realities of their backgrounds. Their award winning documentary *Somewhere Near Tapachula*, directed and produced by Australian surfing film makers Stefan Hunt and Jonno Durrant, follows the lives of the surfing community. You can watch the trailer here <http://lovelifehope.com/somewhere-near-tapachula.htm>



The Mexican Wave will see UK pro surfer Andrew Cotton and surfers up and down the country take part in surfing events to raise funds for Misión México.



Andrew said "I first became aware of Misión México when Surfing GB contacted me as they were looking for UK ambassadors. I looked at the website with my wife Katie and we watched a few of the videos. It's such an amazing emotional story - it really made me want to be involved. My life revolves around the sea, surfing and my kids. Seeing the impact it was having on the children at Misión México after all they had gone through was unbelievable".

Andrew will give trustees of the charity their first ever lesson, sponsored by the Ticket to Ride Surf School in Perranporth, Cornwall. Ticket to Ride are also donating a half-day surf lesson as a raffle prize for a fundraising event at the Seiners Arms at Perranporth, at 2pm on Sunday 30th June.

Everyone is welcome to join the Mexican Wave; for ideas on how to join the Mexican Wave people can check out http://lovelifehope.com/join-the-wave!_news_48.htm and <https://www.facebook.com/#!/events/142263099295033/>. Follow the activities with #MexicanWave and everybody is welcome to donate through my donate website <https://mydonate.bt.com/events/mexicanwave>



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Misión México (UK) has launched in the UK to provide sustainability for Albergue Misión México through fundraising, administrative support and volunteer management initiatives. Fronted by Deborah Grossman in Scotland, it will work to raise £30,000 in 2013 to support Pam and Alan Skuse in their efforts to care for over 50 children who have been saved from extreme poverty, violence and abuse.

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