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TEXAS FARM GIRL SOWS
GOOD WILL IN POOR LAND---

One might not expect to see a college student soliciting donations from a fruit vendor in Tijuana.

Amy Ivey, however, has spent many of her weekends doing just that during her past four years at the University of San Diego.

Ivey, one of an estimated 1,270 USD students graduating May 24 and 25, has been collecting gifts of food and clothing from both sides of the border and traveling to Tecate, Mexico to help the children at Las Ninas de Salvatierra Orphanage.

Ivey is receiving a B.A. degree in Spanish and has been accepted in the Master of International Business program at USD.

"I have seen the great need for educated people in international non-profit organizations," says Ivey, "I know it will be very difficult for me, but it will be quite rewarding."

Ivey received the Bishop Maher Catholic Leadership Scholarship in 1982-84 for her work during high school with the Catholic Media Ministries in El Paso.

The Catholic Media Ministries, an organization based in El Paso, Texas, broadcasts religious programs in both English and Spanish. Since religious broadcasting is illegal in Mexico, Catholic Media Ministries -- whose signal reaches across the border -- is especially important, explains Ivey.

Her mother, Joanne Ivey, is the founder and manager of Catholic Media Ministries. James Ivey, her father, is a farmer. Amy and her parents reside in Clint, Texas.

While at USD, Ivey was vice president of the Spanish Club and a member of the International Students Organization. She studied in Spain as an exchange student last spring.

A clarinet player in the USD orchestra since 1982, Ivey received the Sister Rossi Music award in 1984.

The USD graduating class includes 725 receiving undergraduate degrees, 217 receiving master's degrees, 327 receiving law degrees.

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