



January 30, 2006

God's blessings to you and your family,

Thank you for your prayers, support, and encouragement. You are making a difference in the lives of families in the Burgos region. Our programs are growing and we are working hard to develop new areas of ministry. Please pray for us as we continue in this new year.

PJ's English classes continue to draw the attention of the community. We are stopped frequently and asked questions about new classes, new members, and new locations. PJ will conclude her first session of classes in February. When she returns from having the baby, she will offer a new first session class, a second session for her current students, and possibly another first session class in another community. Please continue to pray for her and her students. She is seeing great progress in their learning and in the relationships she is building.

We began a "movie night" in three communities by inviting families to an outdoor location and showing a children's DVD on a home-made screen. More than 200 attended in the three locations. This program is allowing us to meet more people and to offer a family activity. We are working to coordinate this with local churches in order to promote unity and invite more people to the churches. Our numbers exceeded expectations and we are already being asked about the next date. Our plans currently are to offer a movie each month.

The financial support we receive from you is allowing us to offer all our programs at no cost to those who wish to participate. We are developing relationships with many families and individuals and offering help where we are able. One donation provided the purchase of a drum set. Ana (pictured above) is currently taking lessons and two other youth are learning guitar and piano. In the future we hope to have a full music team on Sunday mornings. Pray for their abilities to increase rapidly.

Daniel is pictured second. We met him at one of our first children's programs in Burgos. He has become a good friend, occasionally stopping by the house for a visit or to kick a soccer ball around. Nina is in the third picture. Though she is older, she is one of Trinity's good friends. When we first met, she was quiet and shy. Nina has become comfortable with us and now is very talkative and constantly joking around. We are no longer outsiders but friends. Nina also helps with our children's programs in three communities.

Please continue praying for God's work here. We have been encouraged by conversations with area pastors. We are working hard for unity among local churches. Also pray for Anita. She is the pastor of a small church in Las Rosillas, the first church Sister Maria built in her mission work in this area. She has been in Monterrey for 8 months with health problems. Workers on our church roof have encountered many set backs as well, so your prayers are appreciated for that as well.

We are so thankful for all the donations we are able to bring to families here. Part of this month's financial giving provided 12 new pairs of shoes for some of the areas poorest children. We have distributed clothing to over 20 families this month and given away 75 bibles in the last two months. We continue to pass out rice, beans, and canned goods at our children's programs. Thank you for the impact you are having in people's lives.

Matt, PJ, Trinity & ? Burton