

April 30, 2008

Events - Prayer Requests

May 3 - Dia del Nino Fiesta
4 - Family Service/baby dedication
13-20 - Chi Alpha Mission Trip
17 - Youth Service

June 16-19 CCC Paris Mission Trip
24-28 New Hope Youth Trip
27 Christian Worship Church Trip
Outdoor service in the plaza



A New (to us) Van. Yeah! Yeah!
1990 Dodge - Ready to Roll!
We are a little excited.



Dora and her mom walk 20-30 minutes to get to the Children's Program on Saturdays. We are able to give them a ride home after the program.



Arnie Cazares will be working with us for the month of May. He will focus on our Music Team and our Children's Programs. Keep him in your prayers

Can you feel it? Something changing. Like something beneath the surface, unseen but there. Unnoticed by many due to the frantic pace of life. Hebrews says that God is going to shake everything that can be shaken. Like looking for gold; sifting out the less-valuable. The shaking can seem difficult and very uncomfortable, but the end result is having what cannot be shaken; the real thing; the pure thing; the thing that will last. Current events are screaming at us of this shaking. What will remain? Or perhaps better asked, who will remain?

We are giving ourselves to this shaking. We are doing so not because it is the fun thing to do, but because we trust the One doing the shaking and we trust His purposes. We want to be found participating with His plan, not fighting against it. We can feel, and sometimes see, new things beginning in Burgos and in our lives. Thank you for your prayers as we go after destiny in God. We remember you in our prayers. **His kingdom come, His will be done.**

a month of relationships - new and growing

One of the great things about being involved with missions is the wonderful people you meet and share friendships with. PJ went with the local doctor, Yareli, whom she met with other ladies in Burgos, to visit a community we didn't know about. El Charco is just a few miles outside of Burgos but is half an hour drive. The doctor was making her monthly visit to check and educate the women of the community. Due to poor water, the people are not in good health. During the drive, PJ was able to get information about several other needs in the region as well. One specific need was a one-year-old whose chest is developing incorrectly. (Mom, Rosalinda, and daughters Melisa, Veronica, and Ana Louise are pictured to the right.) There is a free program she can take advantage of if her case is reviewed, and the specialist feels he can help. The family lacked funds for the bus ride to the hospital (1 1/2 hours away) and the x-rays. We were headed to the hospital the next day to take Cynthia Mariela (bottom right) for a check up after an emergency removal of her appendix, so we took Melisa and her mom to get x-rays as well.

The following day we went to Victoria, Tamaulipas to meet with Chacko Thomas, the founder of *Mission to Reach* and enjoyed a wonderful visit with him and his staff. It is amazing to see more of what God is doing in the earth. They are successfully doing many things we are attempting to accomplish. We are blessed to have another mentor in this work. Please visit them on the web at missiontoreach.org

The next week, we went to Texas to meet the Chi Alpha mission team from Texas State University and to speak at their weekly meeting. Dick and Lisa Herman are the leaders, and we were blessed to see all that God is doing in the hearts of college students. We were very encouraged from the visit. We were informed by one of the mission team members that they had seen a van for sale and by the end of our Texas visit we were driving back to Mexico with a lot of room to haul kids and supplies.

Jorge Maisonet is the pastor of Oasis en el Desierto in Reynosa. He and his family have become good friends and mentors to us. His church hosts an annual Pastor's conference with the Potter's House of Dallas. Six people from our church were able to attend. Burgos Missions also helped bring Gerardo Garcia and his family to the conference. Gerardo is a pastor in his early 20's who lives in Las Norias (an hour from Burgos). You will hear more about him in next month's letter. With the money we gave for his family's bus fare and expenses, Gerardo arranged a ride with another Pastor and leader and took them also, therefore multiplying what we were able to do. The conference was wonderful and very important in Gerardo's life.

The book of Numbers lists name after name of person and family. Boring at times until the realization comes that these were real people, with real lives, who served God's plans with their resources and lives. These people counted to God; were important to Him. The names I've mentioned above are the same. Important giants in the work of the Lord, forgotten or unknown by many, but not God. We are blessed and honored to know them and to be called their friends. Pray for them. You are that person too. Made by God in a unique way for an eternal purpose. We are blessed to know you and we are excited to see your story play out in God's history.

Blessings, Matt and PJ Burton

