

Blessings to you, your family, and your community. Thank you for your support, prayers, and concern for Mexico, particularly Burgos. As this newsletter is being written, Mexico is facing another dilemma and is in the news in a negative way, again. It seems that with a troubled economy, a drug war, and now a flu problem, Mexico has started 2009 with 3 strikes. It makes me think of sports. The guy on the bench, or in the bleachers doesn't get too much attention from the opponent. He is not the primary concern because in his current position, he poses little or no threat to the game plan of his adversary. The player on the field, in the game, or even with the ball, is another story. In football, he is the focus of 11. Everyone in the game is after him. Back to Mexico. With a history of slavery, robbery, corruption, oppression, etc., what can we imagine might be the reason for so much opposition and current problems. Could it be that God has a dream so great that the "opponent" is raging to defend against it. For that matter, maybe America finds herself in the same illustration. Maybe my family and yours are also in the middle of this game, more like a war, for our destinies and God's dream for our lives. Mexico must be so important in the strategies of God, America must be, you must be. May the Lord strengthen us all and may we be found in the game, running the race, pursuing all that God has for us. May we also be found in the place of helping others so that their destinies might not be stolen or lost. You are in that place of help and support for Burgos, Thank you. Thank you.

## April Highlights



The playground at El Charco provides some shade as the children complete an activity about the resurrection of Christ. Programs are facilitated weekly or bi-monthly in several communities.



Several Lockhart musicians were responsible for these drums making their way to the Pastor at El Lobo, Emanuel. A youth at the church will be playing the drums and was encouraged to see the Lord's provision. Days after this photo, we took a group to a youth rally in El Lobo. It was a great event.



April Hoyle came for her second visit to assist in ministry activities and visit her sponsored girls. Karen, Andrea, and their mom Dora are pictured here in the new chicken coop that April's family provided.



Gustavo, the oldest of the children pictured, received the second mattress to his new bunk bed, a gift from his sponsor family in San Marcos, TX. The other part of the bed arrived last month. His sister, Sandra, can now sleep on the bottom bunk.

## The Local Team

With our transition back to Lockhart in the coming months, the "local team" will continue in their ministry in Burgos and will also take on new responsibilities. Burgos Missions will continue to function as it does today, only our part in it will look a little different. The team has been working along side us for years and we are excited to watch them move into even more leadership and ministry. We want to highlight some of their work and responsibilities so that you might support them with your prayers.



David and Abi are currently involved on the music team at the church. They assist in the teaching ministry and in hosting mission trips, special programs and events. David leads most of our construction and maintenance projects. They will now also be working as administrators of all

that Burgos Missions does in the region. They are expecting a baby girl in June.



Maria is a gifted teacher and will continue to head up the Christian Education emphasis of Burgos Missions as it pertains to children and youth. She will also be helping in organizing and training aspects of the Sunday School ministry that now impacts 13 churches. Maria will continue as the lead teacher in 3

communities. She is a graduate of the Burgos Bible Institute.



Peto has been a vital part of Burgos Missions since its beginning. He is the music team leader and teaches guitar and drum lessons. He is a graduate of the Burgos Bible Institute and is now its lead facilitator for current and future classes. Peto will now be the director of the Institute's library which offers language, music, and Bible classes.



Ana Gonzales (pictured with PJ) is the person that makes sure all the behind the scenes preparations and details are taken care of. More than an administrative assistant, she coordinates regional outreaches, special events and daily operations. Ana will continue in this role and also be the coordinator for purchasing and distribution for the Child Sponsorship Program.

Thank you for all you do to support Burgos Missions. Please contact us with questions or for more information. Matt&PJ Burton