

May 25, 2006

Hello Family and Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are finishing our ninth month in Burgos and are looking forward to what lies ahead in the days to come. In many ways we feel the time has passed quickly. This new life has been difficult at times, but has proven to be a tremendous blessing. Your encouragement and partnership have been invaluable. We are without words to properly thank you.

Although our work here consists of several ministry-oriented programs, the purpose in all of it is to build relationships. We want to be part of this community and serve God in it with our time and energy. The people in Burgos, like Cynthia (pictured first), are our friends and neighbors. We are struggling together, growing together, living together. What a blessing we have been given.

The second picture is from a fiesta at our church celebrating "Children's Day". Families enjoyed volleyball, soccer, crafts, refreshments and a movie. This outreach is one of three that our church hosts every year. The others are Christmas and Back to School.

May 10th is Mother's day in Mexico. The mothers in our church are pictured third. We celebrated with a special time of prayer, a meal, and gifts. What words can adequately describe the special role God has given mothers in the life of a family and a community. Due to the demands of farming and ranching, women make up the majority of those who attend church in our region.

We continue to host groups that are able to come and experience life in Burgos first hand. Trips can be planned to fit any schedule, so please contact us if you are interested in visiting Burgos. Pictured fourth is group from Lockhart who helped facilitate our children's programs for the weekend.

Your prayers and resources work to support our ongoing effort to serve the families and churches in Burgos and its surrounding communities. Several of the girls who attend our church are pictured last holding up their craft projects. All our program supplies and expenses are provided by individuals and churches who wish to participate in this mission. If you'd like more information about partnering with us, feel free to contact us by email or phone.

Please keep our summer schedule in your prayers. June 2-6 we will be hosting our home church from Lockhart, First Assembly of God, along with New Life Christian Center of San Marcos. They are bringing between 40-50 people. June 19-22, Covenant Christian Church is coming from Paris, Texas. The focus for these two trips is to host several activities for children and to cement a large portion of our church's floor. Over 90 tons of material will be use for the floor. Between rock, gravel, sand, cement and water, there will be a lot of trips with the wheel-barrow. It will be a great time for developing relationships as well. A local businessman in Burgos dubbed the trips "two states, two countries, - one family". Between these two trips, we will possibly host a couple of families and possibly a third and fourth mission trip in July and August. We are making our plans, but we will see how God works out the details. Thank you for your prayers.

May God bless you as you live and serve in your community,
Matt, PJ, Trinity & Micah

